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## A new force takes hold as NSL kicks off:



Guy Spiteri

### A new State League?

Ajax president Guy Spiteri has forthright ideas on revolutionising Victoria's State League soccer.

He is not happy about talk of extending the Victorian State League to 16 clubs. Spiteri argues the league should be reduced in size, "owing to the ineptitude and the lack of ability of some of the present State League clubs."

Spiteri suggests:

- Stop the proliferation of clubs within the metropolitan area and encourage amalgamation.

- Stop junior games being played at the same time as State League games.

- Stop Industrial League games being played on Sundays.

- Be more choosy with regard to State League membership.

- Demand that State League clubs improve their existing facilities, both ground and social.

- Selected junior players between the ages of 16 and 21 be tied by a five-year apprenticeship scheme with their clubs.

- The VSF should employ a top notch promotions man, his salary to be paid 50 percent by the federation and 50 percent from a levy imposed on State League clubs.

- After 15 rounds, a 16 team State League should split into two groups — a championship and relegation zone. Then, the next 15 games should be played along these lines. The top eight clubs play each other twice for the championship, the bottom eight play each other twice to decide the relegation issue.



By LAURIE SCHWAB

A new generation of soccer stars will make its mark in the 1983 National League competition which starts on Sunday.

If the National Cup first round was any guide, the success of the national youth team has rubbed off on young players throughout the league.

In Melbourne, Heidelberg's Mike Valentine scored two goals and right back Ian McKie was one of the best on the ground against J.U.S.T.

In Adelaide we had a promising debut by young forward Steve Maxwell of Adelaide City and he's likely to be joined on Sunday by youth Soccer Joe Mullen.

In Brisbane, Steve Clockner starred in City's attack, and youth Soccerroo, Russell Stewart, had a fine debut for Lions. David Lowe of Newcastle maintained his brilliant form and in Sydney, two young players have been added to the national youth squad which started a training camp at Camperdown on Monday. They are Marconi left back Joe Rizzotto and Olympic centre back Tony Dakos.

Senior players also know the value of showing their best form, as national coach Les Scheinflug has started his search for players to strengthen the Australian squad which meets England in June.

Last Sunday, Scheinflug went to St George Stadium specifically to assess goalkeeper Terry Greedy, stopper Mike O'Shea and Scheinflug's old favorite, Peter Stone.

New men at new clubs also will have a major bearing on the outcome of Sunday's first round of NSL matches. Doug Brown of Hellas, for example, scored twice in his debut against his former club, Macedonia, last Sunday.

The Channel 0/28 "Match of the Day" is Marconi v. South Melbourne Hellas at Marconi Oval. Channel 0/28 will show the match on Sunday night.

Marconi's budget cuts prevented coach Doug Collins from buying the experienced players he wanted, and forced him to place his trust in youth. That trust has so far resulted in Marconi winning the NSW Ampol Cup and beating triple champion Sydney City Hakoah 3-2 last Sunday.

The Marconi team features no less than five youth players — Tom McCulloch, Atti Ca-

By Alex Vesic

### ASF slams ABC over NSL snub

The ASF and NSL last week sent a telegram to the Prime Minister, Minister for Communications, Leader of the Opposition as well as the Shadow Minister for Communications and Shadow Minister for Sport, indicating soccer's disenchantment with the ABC.

The ABC has refused to cover the NSL because of the ASF failure to guarantee the ABC rights to international soccer played in Australia.

The ASF recently signed a four year contract with the Seven Network to televise Australia's international matches. A commercial network was signed to satisfy the needs of ASF sponsor West Nally which has signed a \$3 million deal over four years to help Australia on its path to qualifying for the 1986 World Cup. It was indicated to the ABC that Australia could not

seriously participate in international soccer without such sponsorship. At the same time, the ASF decided that the commercial value of the NSL was not sufficient to warrant commercial TV.

The recent Dix report recommended that the ABC should, by reason of its public obligations, cover those sports which are either not commercially viable or are not given ample coverage in rural areas. Soccer is such a sport. But while the national basketball league and ice hockey league enjoy coverage, soccer was told that international soccer must be a part of the package.

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Old mates George Campbell (left) and Doug Brown (right) swapped clubs last Thursday and played against each other three days later.

It was disastrous for Campbell, memorable for Brown.

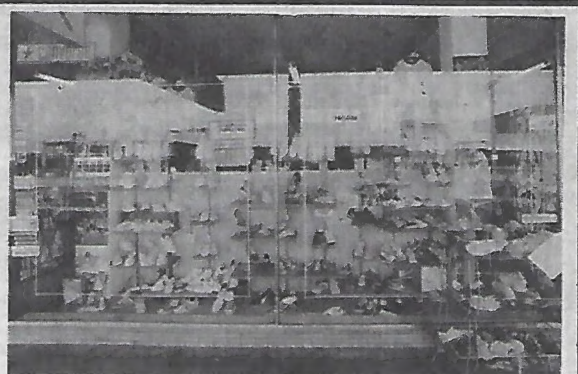
Campbell, who switched from Hellas to Macedonia, found himself on the end of a 0-4 hiding. Brown, who moved from Macedonia to Hellas, contributed to that whalloping by scoring two goals within a one-minute period.

Hellas paid Macedonia a \$2300 fee for Brown (18 goals in two seasons) as well as transferring Campbell (17 goals in five seasons).

Brown and Campbell were team mates with Aberdeen in Scotland, and flat-mates for a year.

This week, Brown will look for more goals against Marconi, while Campbell hopes to emulate his mate's efforts when Macedonia meets Footscray J.U.S.T. at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

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## Fire victims won't get full value

Even Victorian Soccer Federation officials are upset over coach Len McKendry's approach to a charity match to raise money for Victorian bushfire victims.

The game, between a State League selection and a National League selection, will be played at Olympic Park today (Wednesday) at 8.15pm.

But it will not realise its full money-raising potential because only six of the 14 State League clubs have players in McKendry's squad.

The NSL team, on the other hand, is a much more sensible selection, comprising four players from each of the four clubs — Hellas, Macedonia, JUST and Heidelberg-Alexander.

The State League squad features seven players from Ajax

whereas two would have attracted the Ajax fans just as well. It features three Croatia players, and the other clubs represented are Croydon, Sunshine-George Cross, Doveton and Box Hill.

Clubs not represented are: Juventus, Hellas, Fawkner, Wilhelmina, Albion Rovers, Polonia, Northcote and Morwell Falcons. These clubs represent at least 4000 regular soccer spectators. Even if one can expect only 10 per cent of them at a charity game, then at \$5 a head, the bushfire victims are being deprived of \$2000. That's the absolute minimum. It's probably much more.

As it appears, this game seems to be less a charitable exercise than a victory vehicle for McKendry and the hardcore of his former State side.

I spoke to VSF officials who agree that the squad should have been much more representative. "But it's up to the coach," they added, apologetically.

• SEE CRAIG MACKEN-

### ★ TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT! ★

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# Marconi's Sermanni new star in NSL?

In Tommy Sermanni, Marconi has acquired a player who already has made his mark in three countries and possesses the credentials to make a considerable impact in his latest environment.

Glasgow-born, Sermanni had his first taste of senior soccer in the colors of Scottish second division side Albion Rovers as the 1973-74 season started.

He netted on his debut against Forfar Athletic and finished the campaign as the Coatbridge club's leading goalscorer.

Although always more of a schemer and creator of goals than a specialist striker, and playing for a mediocre outfit, Sermanni regularly appeared on the scoresheet.

Rovers struggled at the bottom end of the league ladder yet twice reached the Scottish League Cup quarter-finals, during the Glaswegian's five seasons with them, which produced 38 goals from 151 appearances.

A number of English clubs were reported to be checking on his progress before one of them, Blackpool, offered terms and the part-time player-schoolteacher became a fully-fledged professional in March, 1978.

He already had experienced playing soccer outside his native land however, for a year earlier, New Zealand's Christchurch United recruited him for a brief, but highly successful, stint as a guest player.



Marconi recruit Tommy Sermanni.

Unfortunately, Blackpool was in the midst of the most miserable period in its history when Sermanni joined. Once a long established force in the First Division, it slipped from Second to Fourth Division in four seasons.

The Scot was given little opportunity to help turn the tide, playing just 10 first team games before transferring to Torquay United after only 17 months in Lancashire.

Sermanni quickly proved his worth at Torquay — a town noted for being the home of "Fawley Towers" and flawed football. Converted into a cultured, probing midfielder, he was appointed team captain in his first season.

A serious cartilage injury only became a bothersome interruption to Sermanni's career, but the grave financial state of English soccer almost ended it.

In April, 1982, the majority of Torquay's playing staff were shed, including the skipper. Sermanni had become dis-

enchanted long before then. Early in the season, the Devon club led the Fourth Division but the transfer of key players sabotaged all promotion ambitions and the Gulls slumped back into their customary lowly position.

Torquay's policy may have kept it in the black, but it was no recipe for success on the pitch.

Another short spell with Christchurch United restored Sermanni's appetite for the game and prompted speculation that his future lay in New Zealand, but it was not to be and the linkman, somewhat reluctantly, returned to Scotland and, he feared, the blackboard jungle.

The Caledonian had few reservations about signing when Marconi approached him late last year. A dedicated performer, who never gives less than his best, the 29 year old well could be the cornerstone of Marconi's bid for honors in 1983.

— PAUL MOON

# KB's Watson joins youth exodus to Oz

By PAUL MOON

Old England youth internationals, it appears, do not fade away — they move to Australia!

Neil Banfield, Ian Buckley, Les Carter, Alun Evans, Alan Whittle and Eric Young already have made their presence felt here and now Newcastle KB United's latest recruit, Gary Watson, has swelled the ranks of former English junior representatives "down under".

Watson was called up by his country in November, 1978, for the Monte Carlo Youth Tournament and played against Portugal, Yugoslavia, Spain and Italy. Teammates included John Lukic (Leeds United), Bob Hindmarch (Sunderland), Clive Allen (QPR), Steve McCall (Ipswich Town), Mike Fillery (Chelsea), Gary Shaw (Aston Villa) and Wayne Clarke (Wolverhampton Wanderers); all now well established in the English game.

Watson's selection was something of a surprise, as the Easington born player only had made his debut for Third Division Oxford United one month earlier. That match — a League Cup tie against eventual cup winner Nottingham Forest — ended in an inglorious 0-5 home defeat, but the young left back impressed many with a courageous display.

Watson was to make 25 appearances with Oxford, before a \$40,000 transfer took him to Carlisle United.

He played 30 first team games for the Cumbrians before falling out of favor with manager Bob Stokoe and was given a free transfer in April, 1982.

The six footer, who will be 22 on March 2, can play equally effectively at left back or in the center of defence. If KB coach Ken Kaiser can produce the best from him, Watson will be a tremendous asset for the cold gold boys.



New player for the "Bear-gers"

# She got a real kick out of it

• NEW SPONSOR: The new combine from the Western suburbs, Sunrises or is it George-shina, has acquired a new sponsor, and if the outfit it was wearing last week is anything to go by, then I think it is being sponsored by "Liquorice Allsorts". Big Riggers, when he came on, looked like a deck-chair in search of a beach.

• BUSINESS TRIP: I heard Johnny Gardner was in Perth last weekend, was he up there reading meters for the S.E.C. or was he doing his Baden Powell (Chief Scout) for Croatia. Someone said "Who Kers".

• MY HERO: Goalkeeper Billy Whiteside (Morwell Falcons) was involved in an act of heroism last week. While strolling past the commission flats in Praban, just after he had partaken of a nice wee lunch and a few bevvies (at the Castle of course) he heard a cry for help. Glancing upwards he spied a small girl clinging to a window ledge on the 14th floor.

Just imagine the tension. A crowd had begun to gather, panic was setting in and fear for the child's safety was in everybody's mind (except Billy's).

Yelling to the young girl to stay calm and on the count of three let go, Billy prepared himself for the ultimate act of bravery.

The crowd counted to three, the child let go, then plummeted to the ground below.

As she fast approached the concrete path, Billy launched himself into a mighty leap to his left (just as well he's pretty poor going down to his right), grabbed the kid and pulled her into the safety of his solid but hairless chest, rolled over a few times then leapt to his feet, the child clasped firmly in his arms.

The crowd went berserk! "Billy!! Billy!! Billy!!" they chanted. There was a tumultuous roar, Billy acknowledged the crowd's adulation with a nonchalant wave of his right hand.

Then he proceeded to bounce the kid three times and booted her right up High Street.

Nae bother to oor Wullie!

# Now Rudi's in Fiji



The latest stop on Rudi Gutendorf's world travels is Fiji.

Having left Nepal, where he was coaching as part of a FIFA developmental programme, Gutendorf (pictured) now has accepted the appointment as Fiji national coach.

If Australia again has to play Fiji in the next World Cup qualifying matches, Gutendorf will be able to renew old acquaintances — bitter as they may be.

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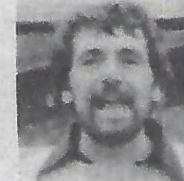
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# LAUGHS WITH THE DOC

By JOE DOCHERTY

Albion Rovers then graced the park and as a gesture to the fans, kicked soccer balls into the crowd. They got twelve back.



Bill Whiteside

• CROWD PLEASER: How about last Saturday's Buffalo Cup double header? A bonus should be paid to the lads who took part in conditions which only can be described as ultra-idiotic.

In Britain they put games off because of ice. Here we have to throw ice on to keep the game going. It was so hot the bobbles on Les Shorrocks' hat started peeling.

Apparently they caught four people climbing the fence and watch the second half.

An announcement came over the P.A. system, "here for the benefit of the players is a list of today's spectators".

Just after this things got really nasty and the crowd invaded the park and the players gave them a doing.

• MY TEAM: I have decided to enter a team in the National League next season, here it is: Lou Denys, Vince Bannon, Arthur McMillan, Jimmy O'Reilly, Jim Tansey, Peter Boyle, Dave Brooks, Jim Campbell, Peter Ollerton, Gus MacLeod, Jimmy Williams. Subs: Mick Rainey, Ged Bannon, Tommy Spalding.

The biggest hurdle I have in putting my team in the NSL is sponsorship. Here are some of the companies who have knocked the team back: Hair Chateau, Wave Length, Snip 'N' Shape, Chique Hair Centre, Louis of Italy, Coiffures De Paris and Shear success.

Sponsorship has been promised by The Ashley Martin School of Scalp Repairs and "Fantastic Planters Pty. Ltd."

• CANDIDATE: All is quiet on the "Dink" frontier but Benny "Erskine" Ferrie is being closely watched. We are bringing a language expert from Penridge University to decipher all conversations between "Erskine" and Andy "Barry Manilow" McMillan.

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• Cole Bennett (right) beats Heidelberg's Gary Cole in the air

## Sime back-up for Bennett

"Don't write me off yet" — that's the word from rugged Lions defender and former Soccerroo stopper Col Bennett, who has not trained for more than a month because of a pinched sciatic nerve.

Bennet, an electrician, injured his back while lifting ladders prior to Christmas but realised the full extent of the injury only when he resumed training early in January.

Whenever the hulk-like defender went any faster than a jog he was struck by a piercing pain down his back and into his leg.

At first, he thought it was a development of a calf injury he carried without complaint for much of the second round last season. But when physiotherapy failed to cure the injury, tests revealed the pinched nerve.

Bennet was hospitalised for two weeks to allow the nerve to settle and be manipulated. After he was discharged, Bennett sought every kind of treatment from chiropractors to acupuncture. He even tried to contact his old Western Suburbs mate Peter Wilson, to see if he had any advice after also being troubled by a back injury.

If the way Bennett approached each new suggestion of treatment were a medicine he would have been back on the park in a week, but unfortunately things have not been as speedy as Bennett, and indeed Lions, would have liked and with the season fast approaching everyone has begun to write him off.



Ricky Rosso

"I might not make the first couple of games but I have only missed five games in 14 years. I am not about to spoil that record," the optimistic Bennett said last week, despite still not being able to train with his team.

"I might even make a comeback as a sweeper. I thought about it a couple of times last year after we lost Jim Hermiston and I think, in a sort of dual centre half role, I could do it."

"But I don't care if I have to play centre forward or goalkeeper. I would just like to be fit enough to play again. I don't want to be a crock for the rest of my life and if the doctors say to give it away I will. But if I can get over this injury and look after myself properly, I fancy my chances to keep on going for at least another couple of seasons," Bennett said.

Lions, understandably, could not afford to wait for Bennett and have been forced to search for a replacement.

# We were better than Kiwi's

The Soccerroos have been criticised heavily over their two losses to New Zealand, but soccer's a funny game. You attack your opponents and put them under pressure for 90 minutes and because of a couple of defensive errors, you find yourself losing the match.

You might say we should have converted the chances we had. OK, I agree, but let's remember that New Zealand's goalkeeper, Barry Pickering, was in great form.

As far as statistics are concerned, they all went our way.

In Auckland, where we lost 1-2, we had five corners to New Zealand's one, and we had 10 shots at goal, while they had only one.

We lost 0-2 in Melbourne, yet we had a corners advantage of 8-3 and a shots advantage of about 15-2. This shows our superiority in general play. Unfortunately it wasn't reflected in the two results.

In the first game, I personally had three shots on target but every time, Pickering got in the way.

In the return match, with a bit of luck, I could have scored two goals but alas, it was not to be.

I know how important the games were to the Australian public and the media but there's certainly no need to panic. No mass changes are needed. This team is the nucleus of the eventual World Cup side and it will mature and improve with more games.

OK, perhaps one or two changes are needed at this stage but we certainly don't have to change half the team, the way some people have suggested.

Had we lost because of bad play, then such extreme suggestions perhaps would have borne some weight but let's remember that we played not badly, but well, we lost only because of a few silly defensive errors.

Also, let's recall my last column in "Soccer Action," when I said a team has to be like a family. Well, this team has been together for only six games or so, and it takes time for players to polish off their rough edges and understand and combine with each other.

Personally, I am bitterly disappointed at our results against New Zealand, but I am sure we will be able to beat New Zealand easily in future internationals.

## KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



## Three NSL shows on Channel 0/28

On behalf of all the players and clubs, I extend our thanks to Channel 0/28 for once again supporting the National League.

Channel 0/28 will, in Melbourne and Sydney, show a half-hour Monday night programme of match highlights, a Friday night half-hour preview show and the Sunday night "Match of the Day."

The first Match of the Day is Marconi v South Melbourne Hellenas at Marconi Stadium.

The following week, Sunday, March 20, my

team, Sydney Olympic, will be featured in the Match of the Day, against South Melbourne Hellenas at Middle Park.

And we're on again on Sunday, March 27, when we play mighty Sydney City at our home ground, Pratten Park.

Les Murray, who also does the soccer from Europe and South America, will be the anchor man on all three National League shows, and the main commentators will be Mike Hill, Laurie Schwab, Tom McKinn, Mark Leonard, Steve Doszpot and Tim White.

So keep tuned, fans.

## Let's have sparkle

Another season gets under way at the weekend and I'm sure it will be the toughest yet.

To the clubs and the players, I'd like to say: Let's give the paying customer value for money. Let's not have negative tactics and defensive-minded teams.

Let's play positive, attacking soccer and make sure the fans keep coming back for more.

I wish all the players and their clubs a good season. Let's work together to make this great game a major code in Australian sport.

My tips for the opening round (winners in capitals):

Heidelberg v APIA-Leichhardt (draw).

ST GEORGE v Newcastle KB.

Wellington v Brisbane City (draw).

FOOTSCRAY JUST v Preston Makredonia.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v West Adelaide Hellenas.

MARCONI v South Melbourne Hellenas.

Brisbane Lions v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENUS v Canberra City.

## 'Roos haven't seen the last of Pickering

"I don't want to see that goalkeeper any more," was the backhanded compliment of Soccerroo coach Les Scheinflug after his side had been beaten 2-1 by New Zealand, despite creating many more scoring opportunities.

Barry Pickering had an outstanding game in the Kiwi goal, making many superb saves. One effort in particular — clawing away a deflected shot by Alan Niven at the foot of his post, must have been particularly heartbreaking for the Australians, coming just eight minutes from time.

Yet the National Mutual Miramar Rangers player was a surprise selection which, when announced shortly before kick-off, caused a buzz to circulate Mount Smart.

World Cup hero Frank van Hattum had been regarded as one of the few certainties in the restructured home team, only for new coach Allan Jones to demonstrate his astuteness by fielding the sharper Pickering.

The match ended a long period of frustration for the long-time stand by, whose international appearances have been cruelly restricted by a series of injuries.

Like many who fill his position, Pickering started as an outfield player before reluctantly being persuaded to operate between the posts when the usual occupant became ill, and has remained there ever since.

First representing Hutt Valley at under 8 level in 1964, he spent the next dozen years moving up through the province's grade XIs.

Entering senior football, four seasons were spent with Petone in the Central Regional League, before Pickering moved to Rothmans National Leaguers Stop Out in 1977 and promptly helped his new team gain its highest ever position on the ladder — second.

In the same season, he made his debut at full representative level, appearing for the Wellington team beaten 1-0 by Northern New South Wales.

International recognition came within 12 months, in the South Korean president's Cup. The young 'keeper played against Iran, Morocco, Sing-



By PAUL MOON

apore and West German XI, earning much praise playing behind a team which often found itself outplayed.

In the following year however Pickering was relegated to third choice, with Richard Wilson and former Dundee United professional Sandy Davie favored.

That setback though was inconsequential in comparison with the traumas of 1980.

With van Hattum now on the scene, the Stop Out custodian slipped further down the ratings.

What's more, his club was relegated and the nine goals conceded in one game against Mount Wellington still stand as a league record.

A highly enjoyable tour of Northern New South Wales and Queensland with Wellington in September and October brought welcome light relief but upon returning home Pickering had to

ponder the future, for his career was now at the crossroads.

He remained in the national league, accepting terms offered by Christchurch Mogal United, although it meant commuting 400 kilometres each weekend from his Wellington home.

This dedication and the consistently good form he displayed for the Canterbury club, was rewarded by selection for the New Zealand B team which contested the merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur. Here he faced Malaysia and Indonesia, keeping clean sheets against both.

Shortly afterwards Pickering was drafted into the World Cup squad, to cover for Wilson and van Hattum. Unfortunately a severe, recurring knee injury prevented him from challenging the established two and he remained sidelined for most of the following 18 months.

Consequently Pickering had limited opportunities to serve the Wellington-based National Mutual Miramar Rangers club, which he had joined early in 1982 but achieved match fitness in sufficient time to participate in the latter stages of the Chatham Cup, in which Miramar reached the final.

This, plus some solid performances in the Mundial build-up games against Watford and the League of Ireland, clinched his membership of the Spin bound squad, though he was only a tourist.

Only 26 last December, Pickering has the inside running in the race to be New Zealand's goalkeeper when the next World Cup campaign commences. Les Scheinflug has not seen the



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# Stars back for Hakoai, Stevenson to JUST?

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per. There's also Alan Davidson, a seasoned Socorro at 21, and Carl Hafford, the human dynamo in midfield, who's also in his early twenties.

With Doug Brown joining Charlie Egan up front, Hellas looks better than Marconi in every department, and should win, especially if Marconi striker Mark Jankovic fails to recover in time from a knee injury.

Melbourne fans will flock to the local derby between Footscray J.U.S.T. and Heidelberg-Alexander at revamped Schindler Reserve, which now boasts the best playing surface in Victoria.

JUST was joined last week by striker Joe Carroll from England. Carroll played for Ringwood-Willhelmina for part of 1982 and returned to England where he scored 11 goals in 14 matches for Northern Premier League side Morecombe. He previously played for Halifax and Oldham in England. Bulova in Hong Kong and Sacramento Gold in the US. He had a fine debut against Heidelberg in the National Cup but JUST needs still more talent, so coach Bobby McLachlan is looking at three possible recruits from interstate and Melbourne, including

midfielder John Stevenson of Hellas.

Striker Eric Sinclair of Dundee is expected to join in about five weeks, and the team also will benefit in midfield when Vlatko Belic recovers from a recent operation.

Midfielder Alex Livingstone from Scottish club Albion Rovers is likely to make his debut for Makedonia and Claude Lucchesi also will return to the starting line up.

With Graham Tutill returning to the JUST after a week's lay-off, and Kyri Kyriakouas probably starting in defence instead of midfield, JUST should beat Makedonia which was thoroughly outplayed by Hellas last Sunday.

St George, beaten in the Ampol Cup final by Marconi and in the National Cup by Olympic after looking so good earlier, faces another tough task against Newcastle KB United at home on Sunday.

Led by new captain Craig Mason, who scored against API last week, and boasting brilliant David Lowe up front, Newcastle has the talent to win again, despite the return of St George sweeper David Ratcliffe after a one-match suspension.

Newcastle coach Ken Kaiser was so happy with his team last Sunday that he predicted Lowe, Joe Senkalski and Howard Tredinnick soon would break into the senior Socorro squad.

New centre backs Peter Burke and Gary Watson from

First-round NSL matches on Sunday:  
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v APIA-Leichhardt at Olympic Village, Heidelberg, 3 pm.

St George Budepost v NEWCASTLE KB UTD at St George Stadium, 3 pm.

Wollongong v BRISBANE CITY at Vierns Park, Corral, 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY JUST v Praston Makedonia at Schindler Reserve, 3 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v West Adelaide Hellas at Praton Park, 3 pm.

Marconi v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Marconi Stadium, 3 pm.

Brisbane Lions v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAI at Richlands, 3 pm.

Adelaide City Juventus v CANBERRA CITY at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.

England performed well in their first match for Newcastle, and I expect these two, with help from Tredinnick and Gall Maler, to contain St George's deadly goalscorer, Dez Marton. In other words, Newcastle should win.

Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Docherty will be looking for more accuracy from striker Mark Koussas who should have a hat-trick by half time against St George last week, yet failed to score at all.

Olympic this time meets West Adelaide Hellas, whose tall striker Paul Wormley had a dream debut against Adelaide City in the Cup, scoring the only goal of the game.

Wormley, 21, from Townsville United, was top scorer in the Queensland State League last year and previously played in England for Huddersfield and Barstley. With service from winger Graeme Heys, Wormley will be a

threat to Olympic, but I can't see any way that West Adelaide can win this one.

The brilliant Olympic midfielder of Jim Patikas, m Peter Katholos and Peter Raskopoulos will see to that.

Patikas did so well in his two-goal performance last week, that coach Docherty predicted European scouts would be after him during the World Youth Championships in Mexico in June.

Adelaide City used youth Socorro Joe Mullen as a substitute in its Cup match, and came very close to scoring just after coming on. Mullen therefore is likely to be called up to partner another young player, Steve Maxwell in attack, with Les Carter and John Nyshokas providing the experience.

Adelaide City's opponent is Canberra, which is getting good value from burly striker Phil Redmond from Downer Olympic. Apparently youth Socorro Frank Farina, a right winger, is set to join Canberra from the Institute of Sport, and we may see him in action against 'Juve'.

Tony Brennan also should be back in the Canberra team after missing last Sunday's match, so despite the brilliance of Adelaide City sweeper Neil Banfield, I predict a Canberra victory.

Brisbane City is expecting a Yugoslav striker to arrive any day now, and if he makes it in time, he may play against Wollongong. Alan Hughes, formerly of Lions and APIA, also has joined Brisbane City, and Joe Cairney, who had a poor debut season in 1982, now is showing his true form. With Jim Hermiston at the helm as coach, Brisbane City looks much too strong for Wollongong despite the great ability of strikers Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton and the hard work of midfielder Jim McCrean and Gaffney.

Heidelberg-Alexander, which has transfer-listed John Yzendorp and Jamie Paton and which may have Arthur McMillan on the bench, is looking for at least one more forward but still looks capable of beating APIA at home on Sunday.

With ex-Sunderland player Bob Vincent, together with Ken Taylor and John Spinos, providing defensive qualities in midfield, coach Ken Morton can, thankfully, afford to let Juan Toro Castillo play a free, creative role in which he revelled last week.

Theo Selemidis, transformed into a makeshift striker because of the absence of injured Gary Cole, played well against JUST, as did Mike Valentine who scores two goals, and Ian McKie, the former youth international from West Adelaide, who excelled at right back.

It was only because of the extraordinary form of goal-keeper Greg Woodhouse that APIA avoided a bigger hiding by Newcastle. Despite the acquisition of defender Arno Bertogna and the promising play of young Rob deGeele, APIA appears to have a few prob-

# Patikas' two-goal performance cuts up St. George

Syd. Olympic 3  
St. George 0

Scorers: Patikas 2, Soper 1.  
Venue: St. George Stadium  
Referee: K. Small  
Crowd: 4,268  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 7, Rogers 5, Jennings 7, Raakopoulos 7, Herbert 7, Dacos 7, Koussas 6, Patikas 8, Soper 7, Katholos 6, Phil Igo 7. *Parasporis replaced Rogers 81st minute.*

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 7, Skown 7, R. O'Shea 7, Barton 8, Kostas 6, M. O'Shea 6, Mushovitz 7, Stone 7.

Williamson 6, J. O'Shea 7, Marton 7. *Colliuri replaced Marton 69th minute.*

The scoreline was very precise in its final determination of Sydney Olympic 3 St. George 0 in the National Cup clash at St. George Stadium but a more correct reading would have been Jim Patikas 3 St. George 0.

Youth international Patikas destroyed the St. George backline and toyed with the Saints midfield through immaculate

control, blistering drives and switches of play, as well as scoring a double.

Under a searing sun, the teams completed a scoreless first half where speed appeared the dominant factor and goals of little importance.

Four minutes into the second half, Martyn Rogers began the series of events which eliminated St. George from the Cup in the space of 120 seconds.

His cross from the right into the area bounded to Soper, who grabbed the half chance with a left foot hook into the Saints goal. Two minutes later, Patikas scored and any spectator would travel a long way to see it.

He played a one-two with Gary Phillips, picked up the return pass on the left sideline, cut into the area, slipped around two defenders and crashed a right foot drive past keeper Terry Greedy.

Ten minutes from time, he charged through the midfield and from 25 metres thundered the ball with his left foot into the opposite side of the net.

Katholos acted as a clever foil for Patikas and frequently drew away some of the pressure on the young international, who was receiving close attention from the St. George defence.

Dez Marton was unable to cope with the heat and the pace and was replaced midway through the second session, while Mark Barton stood out as the most constructive player in the Saints attack.

ing components, Terry Byrne and Steve Bryant, added the experience but rarely the performance on Saturday.

Only in the second stanza did either really stamp his mark on the game.

When in the 34th minute Canberra went 2-0 up after a two-man heading exhibition by Gibson and Redmond from a Gary Byrne cross with Gibson's header finally finding the net, one felt it was all over bar the shouting.

That confidence, however, was quickly blighted when Canberra allowed Wollongong to pull one back just two minutes from the interval when Phil O'Connor's neat pass found Roy Cotton and Cotton's ground shot trickled just inside the right hand post.

— PETER WINDSOR — KNUT WERNER

# Canberra boosted by big Redmond

Canberra..... 2  
Wollongong... 1

CANBERRA: Hozowski, 8; Young 7, T. Byrne, 7, Murray, 8, Bryant, 7, G. Byrne, 7, Christopoulos, 7, Gibson, 8, Redmond, 7, MacLaren, 7.

WOLLONGONG: Preston, 8; Wells, 7, Pollard, 7, Viketren, 7, Dunlevy, 7, Fleming, 7, MacLaren, 8, Ainsworth, 7, Gaffney, 7, O'Connor, 7, Cotton, 7.

Referee: Bob Moo (Canberra), 7. Crowd: 1,200.

Canberra, its attack blunted somewhat by the absence of Tony Brennan, found a willing replacement in big, solid ex-Downer Olympic striker, Phil Redmond.

Redmond has shed weight rapidly under strict training schedules, is big and strong and menacing in the air.

Canberra hit the front after a mere five minutes.

The men who made and finished the chance were wily inside forward, Ian Gibson and Redmond.

It was Gibson who made ground on the right flank, and chipped over a well-flighted centre that was neatly flicked into the far corner of the net by Redmond.

To their credit Wollongong immediately was into the fray and the experience and individual brilliance of Phil O'Connor up front was constant — as was fine support by midfielders Larry Gaffney and Jim MacBreen.

It was in the first half that gaps were most noticeable in Canberra's backline.

It was a backline of youth and relative inexperience in as much as two of its four components were teenagers — ex-AIS star Andrew Young and Jim Murray.

Murray, of course, showed his potential last year as Young, only 18, is going to show his in 1983. The remain-

lems and looks like succumbing again on Sunday.

Heidelberg would savor a victory as it lost the Phillips Cup final to APIA last year.

Sydney City Hakoai, which came back after trailing 6-3 against Marconi, and finally lost 2-3, will be stronger against Brisbane Lions because this time, the team will include Steve O'Connor, Todd Clarke and Pay Kay.

There have been changes at Lions — a new coach, Simon Kistemaker, new players John Sime, Alan Marszalek, Russell Stewart and Boudewijn de Greer, and a Scottish First Division player on the way.

Mark Atmore, meanwhile, has been transfer-listed at \$5000.

However, Hakoai looks by far the better team and should win

# de Greer fails

Brisb. C. 4  
Brisb. Lions 2

Scorers, BC: Cairney 60th, Tokel 73rd, Williamson 82nd, Tokel 90th.  
BL: Kelso 34th and 42nd.  
Venue: Perry Park  
Crowd: About 1400.

CITY: Williamson 7, Tokel 8, Liddell 8, Perry 7, Williamson 6, Pimblett 8, Hamilton 8, Williamson 7, Hughes 7, Glockner 6, Cairney 7.

LIONS: Marshall 6, McSkimming 7, Lee 6, Marszalek 7, Nivan 7, Stewart 7, Hogg 6, Wright 6, Daunt 6, Kelso 6, de Greer 6.

Referee: Bill Monteverde 7.

New Brisbane Lions signing Boudewijn de Greer had a disastrous debut and was substituted.

de Greer, who came to Lions with accolades including being former Norway Player of the Year and Dutch First Division star with Haarlem and De Graafschap, looked unfit and affected by the heat.

The short Dutchman took the field on the left wing alongside big men Barry Kelso and Calvin Daunt, which pushed Australian youth team midfielder Danny Wright into an attacking midfield position but after 67 minutes Lions coach Simon Kistemaker, who organised the signing of de Greer for Lions could persist no further and replaced the "star" with his midfielder Rich Basingwaite.

Lions had been in a Gold Coast training camp since Friday night and the bond among the players appeared to show early as they hassled and fought for every ball.

Former national player Steve Hogg was particularly

brilliant, completely overshadowing his man, Billy Williamson, while Australian youth team midfielder Russell Stewart more than held his own against City stalwart Frank Pimblett.

Up front big Barry Kelso, rejuvenated by the switch of clubs, was as dangerous as ever. It was from a Stewart throw that he made the first breakthrough. The ball was thrown to Daunt on the near post and his flick found Kelso who easily side-footed into the far side of the goal.

Kelso finished off a good move that began with a corner. de Greer, in one of his few exciting moments, played a good long cross after getting the ball back off his corner.

Wright rose above the defence and nodded the ball back to Kelso to blast into the net.

And that goal just about ended the Lions' game for the day. From the 50th minute until the end of the game it was all Brisbane City.

Joe Cairney, in a welcome return to form after a terrible season last year, got City's first when he finished a good move begun by Allan Hughes and involving Bob Hamilton.

Peter Tokes netted the equaliser with a header off a Pimblett freekick.

Billy Williamson, who went to City to swap for Kelso, also got in the act of scoring against his old team when he netted City's third.

Stephen Glockner made it four in injury time when he finished a move started by Cairney and Hamilton.

— RICKY ROSSO

# Morton aims for more sparkle



Mike Johnson

The recent Ampol Cup final in Melbourne between Green Gully Ajax and Heidelberg was billed as a battle between the two coaches, Ken Morton and Len McKendry.

Both are English and their backgrounds are reflected in the things they say about and expect from their teams.

Discipline, organization and teamwork are words used constantly by English coaches. Flair, freedom and improvisation are not so easy to fit into this kind of framework.

Usually English coaches have a penchant for British players because they are brought up to play for the team in an organised, disciplined way.

To date Ken Morton has shown a definite preference for English players and he built his Wollongong team around men like Peter Willis, Chris Dunlevy, Jeff Ainsworth, Phil O'Connor, Roy Cotton, and John Fleming.

His Heidelberg team has many Scottish and English players and he is hoping to import others.

I do not envy Ken Morton following McKendry to Heidelberg.

Not just for the fact that McKendry is a very competent coach, but more because the Heidelberg team has been so indoctrinated in his style of play.

Manny Poulakakis found it was impossible to change the Heidelberg style. He was unable to coach the McKendry style so he had no chance of success.

Ken Morton, will have more of a chance, but nevertheless he will find it difficult.

His recent splitting of the Paton-Cole partnership was evidence that he intended to be his own man, with his own methods, not bound by what had gone before.

Yet the fact is Paton and Cole developed rapport and understanding under the tuition of McKendry, just as did other sections of the team.

The Heidelberg committee must have been aware of the problems associated with bringing in another coach to take over from McKendry.

They had seen the problems associated with the Poulakakis appointment as mentioned earlier.

Obviously the committee is hoping that what Morton builds at Heidelberg in place of the McKendry model will be more exciting and just as successful.

That is a tall order for any coach and I do not envy Morton his task.

On the other hand McKendry has a hard act to follow at Green Gully which had almost complete success in the past two seasons under Bobby McLachlan.

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I fancy winning trophies will be more on McKendry's mind.

Certainly that is what will be expected of him.

On the other hand, if he has the best players in the Victorian State league he should win trophies.

Winning does not harm any coach's reputation, no matter what the level of competition.

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# Brown adds to Ollie's Woes

## SM-Hellas 4 Makedonia 0

Scores: Blair 13th, Brown 38th & 39th, Holford 62nd.  
Venue: Middle Park.  
Crowd: about 8000.  
Referee: Jim Fearn 8.

HELLAS: Laumeta 8 - Russell 8, Xenopoulos 7, Blair 8, Davidson 8 - Holford 9, Crino 7, Murphy 7 - Brown 8, Egan 8, Woodin 8.  
MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7 - Opasinas 6, Todorovski 7, Jones 6, Petrovski 6 - Farrell 4 (Lucchesi 7, half time), Whittle 8, Odakov 8 - Campbell 6, McMillan 8, Ward 8.

Everything finally came together for Hellas coach Rale Rasic, Doug Brown had a dream debut for his new club against his old, and Makedonia coach Peter Ollerton was left pondering his future.

It's not the committee that's on Ollerton's back. Knowing president John Branov, he'll remain loyal to Ollerton, but the fans are much more fickle.

## Bertogna missing

### Newcastle 2 APIA 0

Ground: International Sport Centre

Weather: Fine and hot

Crowd: 1600

Referee: Jim Reeves 7.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Goaling seven, Malar six, H. Tradinick eight, Burke eight, Watson seven, Mason eight, Sankalski eight, Buckley six, Mountford seven, Lowe seven, Jones six, Replacement: Drysdale for Buckley in 72nd minute.

APIA: Woodhouse nine, Carter seven, Marland seven, Botsaloo six, De Capila six, P. Tradinick eight, Bradley seven, Valeri six, Schermann six, Glampool six, Replacement: Morsello for Bradley in 72nd minute.

Scores: 35th Mason (N) 73rd Lowe (N).

APIA Leitchard was without injured Arno Barogna, Mark Pullen and striker Peter Jones.

Newcastle fielded its best combination and performed creditably. Joe Sankalski found David Lowe in the 38th minute. After taking the defence with him he passed to Craig Mason and his 20 metre drive beat Greg Woodhouse.

Newcastle's captain Mason sent David Jones away on the left, in the second half. His cross was picked up by Lowe whose header found the net off the right upright.

— JOE LANZONI

They've been giving Ollerton hell lately, and he doesn't like it. Whatever happens, he's determined to keep on playing. "I reckon I could have done much better than most of them out there today," he said after the game.

Alex Livingstone, a goalscoring midfielder from Scottish club Albion Rovers, arrived on the morning of the match but obviously it was too early for him to be included in the Makedonia team.

REASON FOR THE VICTORY: Ollerton admitted that his players aren't as fit as they should be because they started training late. Fitness certainly was a factor. The Hellas players ran their opponents into the ground - particularly Carl Holford, Hellas' full backs - Alan Davidson and Bobby Russell - continually linked up with the attack, while Makedonia's full backs stayed in defence. The Hellas midfield, particularly Holford, thoroughly outplayed their opponents. A little demonstration of Hellas' superiority came in 70th minute, when Oscar Crino, cool and aloof, arrogantly stood on the ball and rolled it twice in different directions, with the sole of his foot to shake off a challenge by Alan Whittle who was left dumbfounded. Oie!

THE TACTICS: I had expected Rasic to use Doug Brown as a deep-lying right flanker, but instead he played as a third striker - certainly on the right, but staying up front in the firing line for most of the game. At Makedonia he had been required to go up and down the line, as far as the full back position. At Hellas he has a winning midfield behind him, so he'll score a ton of goals. Ken Murphy was wide on the left, providing good penetration there in a position contrasting with the one he held previously in central midfield. Makedonia used its neq acquisition, George Campbell, was a winger, switching from side to side, with George McMillan and Gary Ward as the central strikers. On Opasinas marked Charlie Egan without much success and David Jones took on Steve Woodin who nevertheless created much of the forward play for Hellas with neat flicks. Makedonia replaced Isaac Farrell with Claude Lucchesi at half time and Lucchesi made a difference. A half-time blast by Ollerton also served to inject new life into the Makedonia team.

THE GOALS: 13th min.: Egan and Woodin interchange passes, Egan goes to the line and squares the ball into the goal mouth where Steve Blair belts it home 1-0.

35th - Egan cuts in from the right, is blocked by Jones, the ball falls to Brown who scores with a perfect volley 2-0.

36th min: Brown breaks through on the right, sees goalkeeper Richard Wilson coming out, and lobs the ball brilliantly over Wilson's head, into the net 3-1.

62nd: A defensive clearance falls to the feet of Holford who belts it home first-time from the edge of the penalty area 4-0.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Hellas midfielder Oscar Crino (front) shrugs off a challenge from Makedonia's Zarko Odzakov. Picture by LES SHORROCK

## Foots. JUST 2 Heidelberg 3

Scores: Kondorics 14m, Valentin 20m, & 70m, Lee 61m, MacLeod 84m.  
Ground: Schindler Reserve.  
Attendance: 2000.  
Referee: E. Venias.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 6; Stojcicki 7 (Sankalski 67m 71, O'Reilly 6; Kondorics 8, Hazenbent 6, Ristovski 7, Kyriakoulas 5, Ilioski 6; Carroll 8, MacLeod 5, Lujic 6.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 6; MacKie 8, MacLeod 6, Yankos 6, Tansy 7; Spanos 7, Vincent 7 (Lee 72m), Toro 9, Taylor 7; Salemdis 6, Valentin 7.

TACTICS: Heidelberg was forced into a major reshuffle because of injuries to Arthur McMillan, Gary Cole and Jim Campbell and the transfer-listing of John Yzandorn and Jimmie Paton. Coach Ken Morton finally gave Juan Toro the role he loves as attacking midfielder behind the two front runners. The Chilean was a revelation in the position and had a hand in all three goals. In the backline Charlie Yankos was back to his best.

Footscray switched Kyri Kyriakoulas from defence to add some steel to the midfield. But the play failed miserably as Kyri was hardly sighted. He was restored to fullback in the second half when Paul Simic came on as substitute. Zoran Ilioski was another big disappointment. As a result Heidelberg convincingly won the midfield battle.

THE GOALS: Footscray took the lead after 14 minutes from a freekick awarded for a

foul on Joe Carroll. Ilioski sent over a good centre and Jim Kondorics rose unchallenged to head past Olver.

Heidelberg got back courtesy of a bad error by Jim O'Reilly. Mike Valentine beat a defender to a through ball by Toro but his shot was blocked by Dennis Boland. O'Reilly swooped on the loose ball but hit a miserably weak back pass allowing Valentine to pip in and tuck the ball away.

Valentine put the Bergers into the lead in the 70th minute after Toro had done the hard work. The midfielder controlled a cross from the left, shielded the ball and laid it off for the onrushing Valentine to shoot home.

Toro also set up the third goal with a brilliant through

ball for Lea to run onto past Footscray's square defence.

Gus MacLeod was subdued for most of the game but reduced the arrears six minutes from the end with a lob from 25 yards.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Toro had a brilliant game in which everything he did created danger. His pinpoint passing was a delight to watch and he should be given the opportunity to persevere in the role.

WHAT THE COACHES SAID: Ken Morton: "I was disappointed by the two sloppy goals scored against us but overall delighted by the spirit of the players. After that result we can look for bigger and better things provided we

# Wormley wins it for Wests

## West Adel 1 Adel City 0

Scorer: Wormley 61st

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium

Crowd: 3169

Cautions: Malta, J. Nyskohus (Ad City); McGregor (West)

Referee: J. Rossis

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8

McGregor 8, Dunn 8, McGachay 7, Am 7

Atzalas 8 (Bojczuk), Hiern 7, Brennan 7 - Heys 8, Wormley 7, Honeyman 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7, Shillabeer 7, Banfield 7, Miller 7, B. Nyskohus 8 - Dods 7, Malta 7, J. Nyskohus 7 - Villoni 7, Cato 7, Maxwell 8.

New signing Paul Wormley grabbed his first goal with the club by heading in Graham Heys' 61st minute cross to send Adelaide City out of the Cup.

It was the third successive occasion that City's progress in the competition has been stopped by their rivals.

The match was played in uncomfortable 35 degree heat but West, which played a hard

# Jankovics, Henderson kick out Slickers

## Marconi 3 Syd. City 2

Ground: Marconi Stadium

Crowd: 2988

Referee: Richard Loran 9

Goals: 1-0 Jankovic, 2-0 Carbone, 3-0 Brown, 3-1 Mitchell, 3-2 Barnes

MARCONI: Maher 8, Dagnay 6, Rizzotto 7, Henderson 8, Budini 7, Carbone 6, Sarnani 6, Brown 6, Jankovic 8, Djordjevic 8 (Hunter 73), McCulloch 8.

SYDNEY CITY: Pazzano 6, Cant 6, Robertson 7, Gomez 6, Bruce 6, Murray 8, Watson 8, Barnes 6, Reader 6 (Lee 61), Kosmina 8, Mitchell 6.

In the 27th minute Mark Jankovics showed a fairly small crowd at Marconi Stadium just how dangerous he can be, by blasting a cross from Jovan Djordjevic wide of Tony Pezzano to give his side the lead.

That was just the tonic Marconi needed, and within a minute Attilio Carbone made

it 2-0. Djordjevic, almost lethargic on the right wing, was backpedalling before finding Jankovics with a neat through ball. A flick on to Brown, a quick cross, and Carbone was at the far post to add the finishing touch.

Five minutes later Marconi scored its third goal. Tony Henderson pushed the ball through the middle finding the gap between Robertson and Gomez, and Rod Brown was quick to run away and score from 18 metres, blasting a perfect right footer into the corner of the net.

Sydney City showed more stamina towards the end and came close to going into extra time. David Mitchell scored from close range after a jinky run by Grant Lee in the 78th minute, but Murray Barnes slammed a superb 18 metre shot high into the roof of the net after a blunder by Carbone on the edge of his own penalty area.

With six minutes to go, Slickers suddenly came to life but it was all too late, for Marconi, led by a superb Tony Henderson, hung on to win and go into the second round.

Marconi's Socceros, Jankovic, Henderson and young Socceros McCulloch and Brown overshadowed the heavy guns of Sydney City. David Mitchell and John Kosmina will forget this game in a hurry, for they looked far worse than what we saw from them against New Zealand.

Jankovic scored a great goal and had a hand in another as well as producing some great passes, while McCulloch was an inspiration to Marconi's midfield. Joe Watson was in great touch, but with Kosmina and Mitchell having an off day, it was difficult to find a way past Marconi's defence.

— ALEX VESIC

Ampol Cup game two days earlier, showed no ill effects.

Coach Alan Vest dropped Wally Bojczuk from the starting line-up and brought in teenage midfielder Brenton Hiern.

After Wormley's great headed goal, Carter almost immediately responded with a rising drive which Martyn Crook saved brilliantly.

City's most impressive player was teenage striker Steve Maxwell who has the pace and the skill to not only worry NSL defences but force his way into the Youth Socceros.

On the basis of this performance, City has shown little improvement from last season, but the club's youth policy could be a success if Maxwell and fellow Youth Socceros aspirant Joe Mullen hit form early.

If they don't, City could have another long, cold winter. West Adelaide, look a bit think in experience but they are so well organised that unless they suffer a spate of key injuries, a mid table position should be comfortable in reach.

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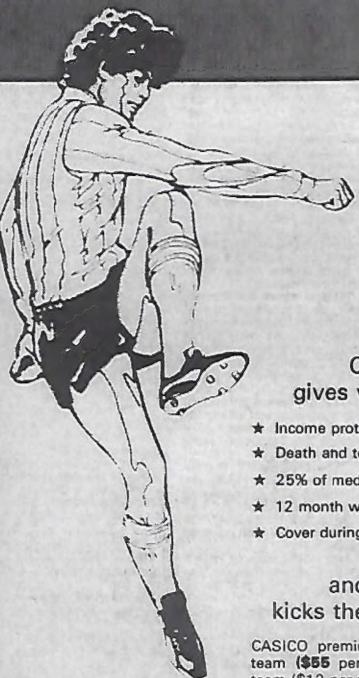
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MARCONI 3 (Licata 24th, Jankovics 29th, 88th) ST GEORGE 3 (Barton 19th, Marton 58th, penalty 104th). After extra time, Marconi won 4-3 on penalties. NSW Ampol Cup final at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 5,872. Referee: Gary Power 9.

MARCONI: Maher 9, Bozanic 8 (Henderson 89th 8), Rizzotto 7, McCulloch 8, Dagnay 7, Budini 8, Sorman 7, Carbone 6, Brown 6, Jankovics 8, Licata 7 (Djordjevic 86th 7). Coach: Doug Collins.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 9, Skaan 8, R. O'Shea 7, M. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 5 (sent off 66th) Barton 6 (Fisher 99th), Muskovits 6 (Koczka 99th), Stone 7, Wilkinson 6, J. O'Shea 8, Marton 9. Coach: Frank Arok.

Marconi and St George thrilled over 5,000 spectators for the second time in five days with some fast and exciting action, with the winning goal coming after a series of penalties to break the deadlock. Jovan Djordjevic was the last of Marconi's penalty takers and he had to score to give Marconi the Ampol Cup. His shot was too good for Terry Greedy and the ball nestled in the top left hand corner of the net to give Marconi this much needed boost, days before the NSL competition is due to start.

It was a fast and furious game, with soccer the most pronounced winner. Tackles were hard and action was swift with neither side giving an inch throughout the match. Mark Barton at one end then Rod Brown at the other end made goalkeepers work hard and let us have a glimpse of things to come, early in the match, then Saints struck with a fine goal by Barton.

After a poor clearance by Marconi's defence, Barton picked up to storm through some feeble tackling before facing Maher to score in the 19th minute. Marconi's goal



## NSW AMPOL CUP

came five minutes later, directly from a corner kick. Rene Licata curved the ball from the right hand side with the inside of his left foot and the ball took a sudden dip close to the near post to elude the groping hands of Greedy.

Dez Marton was through minutes later, but Maher dived at the feet of Saints' danger man to block the shot. Marconi went ahead in the 29th minute. Licata managed to slip away from Dave Skaan and send a high cross to the far post for Mark Jankovics to tap into the net to make it 2-1. Five minutes later Licata was in the clear on the left hand side and only 10 metres from goal but blasted over the bar.

Brown had another opportunity for Marconi close to the end of the first half, but the woodwork got in the way and the home side went in at half time leading by the slenderest of margins.

13 minutes into the second half Marconi scored after a good through ball by Skaan to pave the way for yet another exciting finish.

After 66 minutes Jankovics raced through the middle to face Greedy, but the Saints keeper dived at his feet to grab the ball. Jankovics rose and was challenged by David Ratcliffe, who appeared to headbutt Jankovics. Marconi's striker, who has had his nose broken twice during his career, fell to the ground and referee Gary Power had no hesitation in sending Ratcliffe off.

There were some contentious arguments about Jankovics "making a meal of it" and giving Power "no choice". Without much ado, I would like to ask all those who felt otherwise, what would you do after seeing a player headbutt another?

Irrespective of the damage to the opponent, the action deserves only one thing — an early shower.

Strange though, when you think that only two weeks ago, the two players were the best of buddies at Ruschcutters Bay, while in training with the Australian national team.

Ratcliffe was unhappy about being sent-off and felt that it was the action of the opponent and not his own that caused him to be ordered off so he continued his private war with Jankovics in the club cafeteria after the match hurling abuse at the Marconi striker. In chimed Robble Slater with a few words aimed at an elderly gentleman standing next to Jankovics (identified later as the father of the Marconi striker), only adding fuel to the fire.

Ratcliffe and Slater are fine players indeed, but their behaviour left a lot to be desired and unfair to the club patrons who had to stand and witness the miserable aftermath to a great game of soccer.

I wonder what Saints players felt being left with only 10 men.

Back to the game.

Following that indiscretion by Ratcliffe a penalty was given. Jankovics took it but Greedy made a superb save!

Some fine attacking soccer followed and St George, despite its one man deficit continued to attack and looked the better side. Chances came at both ends with John Muskovits hitting the foot of the post and Robert O'Shea clearing off the line after a fine effort by Ricky Budini.

Extra time was no different with chances coming thick and fast. It was Greedy who made a point blank save in the 93rd minute from Tom McCulloch, after some fine work by Jankovics, then Maher made an equally good save at the other end after Paul Wilkinson headed from a cross by Marton in the 96th minute.

Jankovics put Marconi ahead with a fine goal in the

98th minute. He picked up the ball outside the penalty area then raced past two players before hitting a low drive wide of Greedy.

Marconi scored a couple of minutes later but was flagged offside, then in the 104th minute Marton yet again was the saviour of St George. He raced through to face Maher, clipped Marconi's keeper but Tony Henderson made a goalie like save. Marton scored from the resultant penalty to make it 3-3.

Brown missed close to the end, then with seconds remaining, Wilkinson was alone and only metres away from goal but managed to blast over the bar. Soon after, extra time was over and penalties had to be taken.

Marton gave Saints the lead with the first penalty, then McCulloch equalised. Robert O'Shea put Saints ahead, but Henderson nullified that lead with a well taken goal. Maher saved a shot from Les Fisher, then Greedy saved from Paul Degney. Michael O'Shea made it 3-2, then Attilio Carbone equalised.

It was left to the last penalty takers.

Greedy hit the crossbar and Jovan Djordjevic scored to end the proceedings and give Marconi the cup.

It was a well earned win after 220 minutes of football which produced 15 goals and exciting action which will be remembered for a long time. Saints were good enough to win, but in a game like this you only can have one winner.

McCulloch, Jankovics, Maher and Budini were the real stars in this Marconi side, while Marton with his 11 goal total in this Ampol Cup in just five games surely is the deadliest striker we have seen for many years. Greedy, John O'Shea and David Skaan had fine games.

## Back home in Hungary, Koritar slams Saints

Remember Lajos Koritar, the former Hungarian "B" international who spent most of last season with St George Bundapest?

If you don't, you can be forgiven; but Koritar most certainly has memories of "the Land of the Kangaroos", even if his memory is somewhat hazy and selective.

This is the general feeling around last year's PSL Grand Final, winner following the publication of a half page article in Budapest sports daily "Népszport" (People's Sport) recently.

It is a summing up of 10 months Koritar spent in our midst, which opens with the statement claiming "there's nothing better in the world than to be a soccer player in Hungary".

And St George officials agree that there's nothing better than for Koritar to be a footballer — back in Hungary.

In an amazing article, Koritar levels a number of charges which would be extremely serious, if not for the fact that they are patently ridiculous.

● Footballing "guest workers" cannot protect their interests.

● There's no guarantee that contractual agreements are adhered to.

● Koritar found it impossible to recall any pleasant memories of his 10 months' stay in Australia.

● He was dropped from the team for no valid reason.

● The St George committee is not interested in the fact that supporters wish to see Hungarian players in the team.

● When he suffered a leg injury, Koritar claims to have known immediately that the club would have no patience in waiting for his recovery.

● He complained about the fact that Australian soccer players have normal jobs, besides earning part of their

## IN FOCUS by PETER SCOTT



● Under the circumstances surrounding Australian soccer, Koritar claimed it is "impossible to run serious teams".

● He claimed that "during my first fortnight they were hugging and kissing me like a pauper, would embrace his first banknote; later people didn't even inquire as to how I am".

● Soccer, in general, is an unsuccessful enterprise in the shadow of rugby's and baseball's (sic!) overwhelming popularity.

● Players have to look after and carry their own boots, shirts and shorts to trainings and games.

● Quite a list. One only can wonder about the impression it left on Hungary's soccer players if long suffering — round ball fanatics.

Careful reading of this tirade immediately points up its questionable nature.

While charging that contracts were not kept, Koritar also lets it be known that the final parting of the ways with St George was by common agreement and mutual satisfaction.

And why not?

Saints' manager Frank Arok this week revealed that Koritar for his 10 months' stay with the club received payment equivalent to 18 months of his contract.

"We didn't even seek to enforce the clause which made our obligations to the player dependent on him playing in at least 75 percent of our first team games," he pointed out.

"No one at St George has been ever shortchanged by a cent, and Koritar is no exception," said Arok.

Through Koritar's early departure, the Saints saved

which would have been payable to the player in match payments if he stayed.

"The fact is that Koritar took home with him 10 years' equivalent of what he would have earned in Hungarian football — at his age — after just 10 months," Arok stated emphatically.

Arok also ridiculed the claimed bias against players of Hungarian extraction, by pointing out that his squad includes Dez Marton, Andrew Koczka, Les Fisher and John Muskovits.

He hastened to add that, "they appear in the team not because of their national background, but because the quality of their play makes them worthy of selection".

"This is where Koritar fell down, as it is almost impossible to have a man in the team who throughout a whole season hardly even gains possession from the opposition."

"But, I was even willing to put up with that, if only he could have been another Dez Marton, willing and able to lift the level of the team's play through his individual skills and experience."

"When we signed Koritar on, I expected him to be a determining factor in Budapest's style of play; a player who could define and mould our efforts and leave his mark on the team."

Arok said he certainly didn't need to import a player who would just be one of 11 on the pitch.

The St George Budapest manager also was irate about Koritar's statements, accusing the club and its officials of not having any interest in his welfare.

"He forgets to mention that after moving into an empty

vided him with everything, from furniture, through to all the electric appliances and television set, right down to his tea spoons!"

In spite of the foregoing, Arok emphasised that Koritar throughout his stay was "the perfect gentleman", who was highly valued in his job — also provided by a club official.

"The only problem we had was that he didn't play well enough to warrant regular selection and, frankly, couldn't keep up with the pace of our training schedule."

In spite of the charges in the Hungarian media, Arok believes that Koritar's outburst is prompted by a need to justify his early return home.

"However, I cannot be so understanding towards Hungarian sportswriters," he said. "The tragic situation of Hungarian football in the seventies and the eighties has partly come about because of their media's attitude of almost total support of the players."

"It is common knowledge in that country how bad the situation is and those who don't know eventually become aware as their teams fall by the wayside in international competition."

"In Koritar's case, as in others, the Hungarian sports media, instead of highlighting the fact that yet another of their players failed to live up to the physical demands and skill levels of a professional football club abroad, try to find excuses and blame others for failure."

"The fact is that such a failure can only be blamed on the obvious shortcomings of Hungarian soccer itself."

Arok singled out the Hungarian article's comment about Koritar looking aged, "wrinkled and tortured" on his return home.

"This is utter nonsense; in many years of work in football I have never seen rosy checked and chubby players, who were also fit!"

In his final comment Arok pointed out that Koritar took home with him to Budapest some \$15,000 or 600,000 Forints in Hungarian currency, to a country where 4500 Forints is a good monthly salary and even the top paid soccer player in the nation doesn't earn more than 950,000 Forints a year.

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# Ampol Cup success kicks off McKendry era at Ajax

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



**Len McKendry — he has succeeded Bobby McLachlan as coach of Green Gully Ajax.**

Len McKendry's only been coaching Ajax for a couple of months but already he has won an Ampol Cup and regards the introduction of striker Bobby Toal into the team and the full utilisation of midfielder David Smallman as the highlights of his stay so far.

McKendry took over a champion side. He bought Steve Short from Melbourne Croatia for \$7,500 and Toal from George Cross for \$4,500. Short had been out of the game for 15 months due to a dispute with Croatia. It speaks volumes for McKendry's opinion of the former Victorian state team player that after such a lengthy break he was signed for an uncommonly large fee for a State League defender.

Toal's pace and control always impressed McKendry. Now the former George Cross striker has a much improved attitude toward the game and is reaping the benefits, as evidenced by his stunning Ampol Cup final performance. Toal wants to learn, wants to improve, and the signs indicate that his talents aren't only destined for the State League scene.

But that's what McKendry and Ajax are all about — building for the future, a future which looks almost certain to involve the green and whites in a regionalised national competition. Ajax must broaden its horizons. Its recent history shows that it has mastered the art of State League competition. New challenges are needed for this ambitious club. McKendry and his committee join with a growing number of soccer journalists in anticipation of a regionalised national competition next year.

Short and Toal weren't mere stop-gap signings. They were signed because they will be expected to do a job for the club in a regionalised competition.

The quality of the current Ajax squad is unmatched in State League. However, a jump to the highest level of competition in the land entails new standards for Ajax, both in terms of coaching and playing staff and in terms of administration.

McKendry already is a proven performer at national league level. Arnold Langer and Guy Spiteri rival any club administrative duo in Australia. What of the Ajax players?

"We need a minimum of three new players to compete at the highest level," said McKendry.

"A midfielder and a striker would be of paramount importance. The third player could be a specialist in a certain position. We'd have to look at what was available at the time."

"But that's all in the long term. In the short term, I'm happy with the way we are progressing."

"I knew a lot about the squad before I took on the job. My main task was to introduce Toal into the side and utilise Smallman more."

"We're teaching Toal how to receive the ball properly, to get his turns in and to use his pace and control."

"Smallman's in the Rolls Royce class as far as a footballer is concerned. He's got so much skill and vision."

McKendry wasn't too worried about the organisation of Ajax's back four when he joined the club. He felt that John Gardiner, in the previous two years, had done enough work in this department to minimise it as a problem area. And new signing Short shared McKendry's ideas and approach to the game and slotted into the sweeper's role well.

McKendry simplified the roles of Peter Boyle and Willie Vassallo. He already knew Jim Williams' capabilities. He made Smallman more effective.

"Contrary to what some people say, I'm far from stereotyped. I change our approach to certain games because I'm a great believer in understanding the philosophies

of opposing teams," said McKendry.

"Against J.U.S.T. I knew we would be facing a defensive side. I knew we would get space in front of their defence so I worked on how to best utilise it."

"Against Hellas we worked on the importance of closing up their midfield. That was our first 90 minute game and I didn't know exactly how fit we were."



**David Smallman, former Welsh international from Everton and Wrexham.**



**Striker Bobby Toal, retired from Sunshine George Cross.**

"In the final against Heidelberg I used my knowledge of their weaknesses. I knew that I could exploit the space behind their back four."

McKendry, as is his fashion, won't be drawn into predictions about the outcome of any game let alone the race to the championship. His soccer thoughts are obsessed with the coming match, the next session, what to work on, strengths and weaknesses of the opposition. He's a thoroughly professional coach.

Rumor has it that he could be Australia's next national team coach. Albert press rumblings, the noises about McKendry taking over from Les Scheinflug have grown louder in the past fortnight.

As an interested observer, McKendry reserves the right to critically appraise the performances and direction of the Australian national team. Some see his criticism as counter-productive. He rejects that claim.

"Surely, as a person, I've got a right to express an opinion. I'll always stand by that right."

"I'll also do everything I can to help Les Scheinflug. I may not necessarily agree with certain things but that doesn't stop me from helping the man, as I helped Jimmy Shoulder and Rudi Gutendorf before him."

"I worked with Jimmy during the two games against Greece in 1978."

"I produced eight players for Rudi — Gary Cole, Jamie Paton, John Yzendoorn, George Christopoulos, Alan Davidson, Yanka Banovic, Jim Campbell and Tommy Cumming."

"You can't doubt the help I've given Rudi even though I didn't agree with the way he used my players. But that's my professional and personal judgement. Surely I'm entitled to that. For example, Rudi used my defenders as men markers whereas I was using them as space markers. That's a professional opinion."

"All I ask, is that my opinions are taken as my view on soccer, not as harsh criticism."

McKendry's club coaching career has been highlighted by the magnificent method of play he developed at Heidelberg United and which probably peaked in 1980.

"People still rave about that Grand Final win over Sydney City. I thought that we played better, if possible, the week before when we beat Hellas in the semi-finals."

"Apart from the memory of that method of play, I also have great memories of the players, guys like Jimmy Rooney, Gary Cole and Jamie Paton, the best striking partners this country has been in my time here. Then there's the emergence of John Yzendoorn at the back and Jim Campbell exploding onto the midfield scene. These are the things I'll remember about Heidelberg."

McKendry and Heidelberg parted late last year. McKendry intended going to Europe to watch other coaches in action and watch European soccer but after a three week break he missed the sport which consumes his everyday life. Ajax approached him at precisely the right time.

"I had had a long enough break to relax and rekindle my enthusiasm. I thought that the Green Gully job was the right sort of challenge for me — to develop a side capable of performing well in a regionalised national competition. I had reconsidered my plans to go to Europe and I was impressed by Arnold Langer's honesty when we discussed the possibility of me coaching Ajax."

The presence of such a well credentialed coach at Ajax reinforces the club's growing stature in Victorian and Australian soccer.

But if rumors linking McKendry with the Socceroo coaching job are true, the green and whites may have a battle on their hands to retain their new leader.

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## Tough guy holds the purse string

**Arnold Langer, the player, was banned for life by the VSF tribunal in 1970.**

*He was found guilty of assaulting a referee at Seaford Reserve during a Metro League match between Frankston City and Green Gully Ajax. He was innocent.*

Langer never revealed his innocence to the tribunal. If he had, he would have been forced to expose the identity of a young team mate, George Zamboulakis, the real culprit.

"I was nearing the end of my playing days and I didn't want to ruin the career of one of our most promising youngsters," said Langer.

"I had arrived late for the game because I had trouble finding the ground. The match had been going for about 15 minutes and although I

wasn't keen to go on, our supporters wanted me to play, so I did.

"We were doing quite well until the 75th minute when the referee gave a terrible penalty decision against us. I ran up to him and complained. He swore at me so I pushed him. Then all our players surrounded him and he apparently was hit from behind and fell. It wasn't me who hit him.

"We found out later that it was George but when I got to the tribunal I thought how terrible a thing it would be if this youngster's career was ruined, so I took the rap."

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ajax's president at the time was Charlie Farrugia. He handed the VSF for two years before the federation relented and lifted Langer's lifetime ban.

Langer resumed playing for a season or two but was plagued by ankle injuries and eventually retired. He left Ajax but returned about five years later to watch the odd game. Lou Stafrace was president then. Farrugia still was on the committee but family pressure was interfering with his club duties. He asked Langer to help.

Two months before the Ajax annual general meeting in October, 1979, Langer was co-opted onto the committee. At that AGM he became club treasurer. Guy Spiteri became president. Ajax's surge toward the top in Victorian soccer had started.

"We appointed Bobby McLachlan as coach in January, 1980. My first, immediate impression of Bobby was that he could do a job for us. I thought to myself, here's a man who can take us places," said Langer.

Ajax's aim was to climb into the State League top four in 1980. It finished third.

The green and whites took a crack at the championship the following year and succeeded. They also won the Ampol and Dockerty Cups in 1981.

1982 was just as successful. A second successive championship and the Dockerty and State League Cups were added to an impressive haul of honors.

Langer sees a sound administration as the springboard for success. Sure, you need good players and good coaching, but the running of the club is of paramount importance to Langer.

"I had difficulties during my first year as Ajax treasurer. Being a German, I found that a few Maltese people were watching me left, right and centre to see what I was doing with their club's money. I don't have any such problems now. I'd like to think that I have earned the respect of everyone at the club.

"You've got to have a top administration to get anywhere. Look at South Melbourne Hellas — all the money in the world, all the players, a great coach in Rale Rasic — but it hasn't got anywhere in the national league. I put that down to poor administration.



**Arnold Langer — banned for life as a player**

"Hellas lacks discipline. Look at some of the goings on there with players over the past few years."

Langer and president Guy Spiteri are the strong men at Ajax. Langer says that every decision is argued among the committee and put to the vote. He refutes any suggestion of Ajax's administration being merely a two-man show. And Langer isn't eyeing the Ajax presidency.

"I wouldn't want to be president of any club," he says.

"My aim is to remain on the Federation's board of management and maybe, take on a more responsible role in the future.

"One day I'd love to be involved with the national team. I really enjoy my work with the State squad and my aim there is to make the Victorian team the showpiece of the States."

Langer is forthright about the number of good coaches here, and who could competently handle the Soccerroo job.

"There are five top-class coaches in Victoria — Len McKendry, John Gardiner, Rale Rasic, Bobby McLachlan and Cedo Cirkevich. They are the only men I would let look after my team. With any one of them in charge I could go home and sleep well at night.

**'We'll win the league again'**

"As for the national team coach, then one as good as McKendry. That's my opinion, but I've told him that I will do anything in my power to help him get the national team job.

"I hope he gets the job, even though it be a big loss to my club. But you have to think about the advancement of soccer in Australia as a whole. McKendry has a speciality to get absolutely everything out of players and with someone like him in charge would be confident about Australia qualifying for the 1986 World Cup finals."

When McLachlan left Ajax late last year after the most successful period in the history, the committee decided not to revert to a coach. Langer and Spiteri empowered to approach prospective coaches then recommend the man for the job to the committee. Langer spoke to McKendry, Kapetanovic, Attila Abonyi and Mi Schaefer among others.

"At first, I was too shy to talk to him. I didn't think that he would want to coach a State League club but the more I thought about it the more I wanted him at Ajax."

"I took him to lunch and we discussed things openly. He decided to join. No have the best coach in Australia."

Langer always was confident of Ajax winning this year's Ampol Cup despite opposition from the four Melbourne-based NSL clubs. He never considered defeat. Neither McKendry.

"I always told you, Craig, that Ajax win the Cup, didn't I? I think that I was most confident bloke among our teammates."

"I realised how confident McKendry was when I met him at Olympic Park's match before our semi-final against Hellas. He asked him how the team looked. He said David Smatman was injured and it might be better to save him for the final."

"As Len walked away from me, the confidence implied by his statement struck



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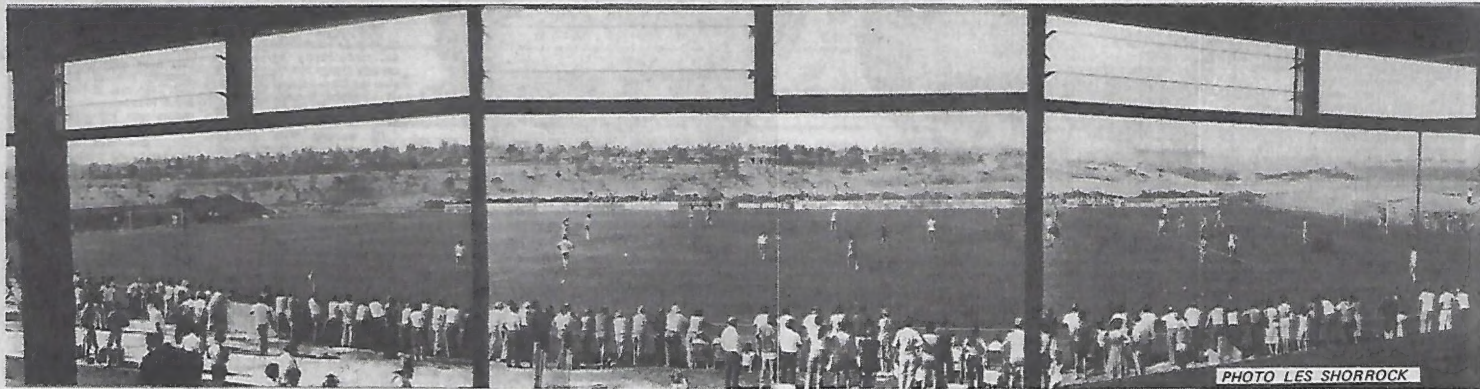


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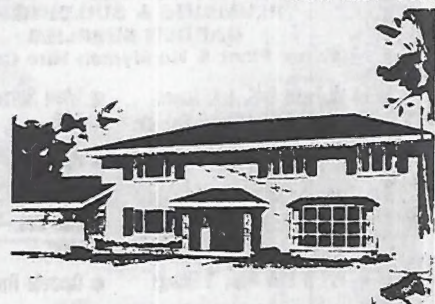
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• Ajax and the 1983 Ampol Cup. Back row: Guy Spiteri (president), Mario Borg (team manager), Lou Denys, Peter Lewis, Willie Vassallo, Fred Baller, Peter Boyle, Steve Short, Fab Mancinelli, Jim Williams, Dane Beranic, Kit Grechan, Ron Kremers, Len McKendry (coach), Garnet Robinson (from Ampol).

Paul Azzopardi (vice-president), John Borg (physiotherapist). Front: Charlie Parris (property steward), Joe Camilleri (reserve team coach), David Smallman, David Hogben, Bobby Toel, Paul Lewis, Steve McKenna, Arnold Langer (treasurer), Dieter Witkowski (committeemen).

The quality of Ajax's squad is best understood in terms of the many Ajax players who are targets for other clubs. Marconi wanted to buy Stuart Cannell, Melbourne Croatia was keen to sign the Lewis lads, Peter and Paul. All told, Langer says that five Ajax players were being chased by a number of clubs before the Ampol Cup.

Langer is confident of Ajax winning its third successive championship. Then, Arnold Langer simply is a very confident self assured person. He hasn't finished making his mark as an administrator on the Victorian and Australian scene.

He certainly has made his mark on the VSF tribunal, appearing about 20 times during his 10 year playing career with Ajax.

"I just played the game hard."  
He's playing a different game now but with just as much gusto. Ask any of the Ajax players whose contracts expire and are up for renewal.

## Games for 1983

### Ajax's State League home games in 1983:

V Melbourne Croatia, Sunday, March 27  
V Albion Rovers, Sunday, April 3  
V Northcote, Sunday, April 17  
V Morwell Falcons, Sunday, May 1  
V Sunshine-George Cross, Sunday, May 15  
V Fawkner, Sunday, May 29  
V Doveton, Sunday, June 19  
V Polonia, Sunday, July 3  
V Ringwood Wilhelmina, Sunday, July 24  
V Box Hill, Sunday, August 7  
V Juventus, Sunday, August 21  
V Croydon, Sunday, September 4  
V SM Hellas, Sunday, September 18

### Ajax's State League away games in 1983:

V Polonia, Sunday, March 20  
V Ringwood Wilhelmina, Sunday, April 10  
V Box Hill, Sunday, April 24  
V Juventus, Sunday, May 8  
V Croydon, Sunday, May 22  
V SM Hellas, Saturday, June 4  
V Melbourne Croatia, Sunday, July 10  
V Albion Rovers, Saturday, July 16  
V Northcote, Sunday, July 31  
V Morwell Falcons, Saturday, August 13  
V Sunshine-George Cross, Sunday, August 28  
V Fawkner, Sunday, September 11  
V Doveton, Sunday, September 25



• The Ajax squad which won the 1979 Ampol Cup. Back row: Nigel Daniels, Andy Segi, Joe Pavlekovic, Peter Donaldson, Mick Klarin, Steve Crilly, Victor Magro, Lou Denys, John Patton, Willie Vassallo, Dave Perkin. Front: Les Thomson, John Cain, Billy Vojtek (player-coach), Ian McCarthy, Steve Carr.



Ajax and the 1981 Ampol Cup. Back row: Guy Spiteri, Mario Borg, Lou Denys, Gus Macleod, John Gardiner, Grant Smart, Billy Morrey, Gerry Bennett, Bobby McLachlan (manager-coach), Steve Crilly, Arnold Langer. Front: Kit Grechan, Stuart Cannell, Kevin Wall, Willie Vassallo, Lino Grech, Dane Beranic. Sitting: David Hogben.

## Honors galore

### Ajax's Club Record:

1955 — formed as a junior club.  
1956 — formed as senior club.  
1964 — Fourth Division runner-up.  
1966 — Third Division runner-up.  
1971 — Second Division champion.

1976 — First Division champion.  
1978 — Ampol Cup winner.  
1980 — third in State League.  
1981 — won State League, Dockerty Cup, Ampol Cup.  
1982 — won State League, Dockerty Cup, State League Cup.  
1983 — Ampol Cup winner...

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1962 — Sammy Psaila  
1963 — Arnold Langer  
1964 — G.A. Nicholls  
1965 — Michael Gambin  
1966 — Arnold Langer  
1967 — Charles Vella  
1968 — Tony Gallagher  
1969 — Frank Campbell  
1970 — Nicholas Kolbi  
1971 — Tony Vella

1972 — David McCurry  
1973 — Franz Berens  
1974 — Boris Braini  
1975 — Franz Berens  
1976 — David Cole  
1977 — Jim McGill  
1978 — Ian McCarthy  
1979 — Willie Vassallo  
1980 — Jimmy Dunne  
1981 — John Gardiner  
1982 — Jim Williams

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# Get out, Derwall, sensations at Juve

In a poll conducted by the Cologne paper "Sport-Illustrierte," 60 per cent of those questioned demanded the resignation of national team manager Jupp Derwall. Most charged him with lack of authority and inability to control players. As his successor, they suggested former assistant Erich Ribbeck (56.3 per cent), Hennes Weisweiler (30 per cent), Ernst Happel (8.1 per cent). Also, 66.5 per cent demanded the sacking of Hermann Neuburger, president of the German federation (DFB). In 15 internationals over the past season, West Germany has won eight, drawn three and lost four, with a goals tally of 24-18. It is 12 years since so many goals were conceded (19 in 1970) but then four more were scored. And you have to go back 24 years to find the Germans losing four times. In their whole history since 1905, the national team only once (1956) lost five games in a season.



Jupp Derwall

## Cobreloa

Cobreloa, from the mining town of Calama, won the Chilean championship with two rounds to go, as did Cali's America in Colombia.

## Brazil's heroes

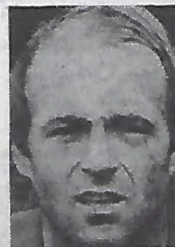
Brazil's most capped players: Djalma Santos 100 games/3 goals; goalkeeper Gilmar 96/100 goals conceded; Rivelino 94/26; Pele 93/81; Jairzinho 85/37; Gerson 78/18; Nilton Santos 77/3; Didi 70/20; Zico 67/47; Leao 66/34 conceded.

## Korea ban

FIFA has endorsed a two-year international ban on North Korea over a vicious attack on Thai referee Vithi Gaekaw during its 2-3 loss to Kuwait in the Asian Games in India.

## Maltese mauled

Malta continues to be easy pickings for the other Europeans. In recent matches, Malta lost 0-7 to Bulgaria and 0-2 to US Botev on a Bulgarian tour and a 0-6 loss to Holland in the European championships. The Maltese however, showed better form in losing only 1-2 to Nottingham Forest before a record crowd at Marsa and drawing 0-0 with Bulgaria in their return match. Bulgaria, however, replied by thrashing Maltese League leaders Hamrun Spartans 7-1.



Archie Gemmill

## Aberdeen tops

After Uli Hoeness had watched Aberdeen take Celtic to the cleaners in Glasgow he said that the Dons are a better side than Barcelona, Real Madrid and Inter Milan.

## Forgotten

Forgotten man of Scottish soccer. That's David Hay, the former Celtic, Chelsea and Scotland defender who as manager took Motherwell into the Premier League this season, then immediately quit to take up a post as manager of a luxurious sporting complex in Florida but trouble in obtaining the necessary work permit has kyboshed his future as he still remains in Scotland.

## Flights cut

First Division side Ipswich Town is far economy reasons to discontinue flying to its "long distance" away games — places like Sunderland, Swansea etc — only a matter of around 600 miles return trip. These are only a hop, step and jump compared with the vast mileage covered by the Australian National League sides.

## Heart attack

Former Czech World Cup winger Tomas Porpichel who is not team manager of club side Bohemians is back in business after major heart surgery.

## Andy Lynch

Andy Lynch, the former Celtic defender who was in its Australian tour line-up in 1977 is well in the running for the team boss post with Montreal NASL. Lynch was assistant to English/Italian star Eddie Firmani who has parted with the Manics.

## Bye, Figueroa

Chilean super star Elias Figueroa says he will retire at the end of the season after a 20-year professional career. Figueroa, 36, of Colo Colo, is likely to become president of Chile's oldest and most traditional club, Santiago Wanderers of Valparaiso. He played against Australia in the scoreless draw during the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

## Luque moves

Leopoldo Luque, Argentinian striker in the 1978 World Cup finals, has signed a six-

month contract with Santos of Brazil after being out of soccer since returning from Mexico late last year.

## Juve sensations

Such is the disappointment at big-spending Juventus that Michel Platini may retire to the North American Soccer League next season, Zbigniew Boniek may move to Bayern Munich and Paolo Rossi could be sold to Milan. These and other stars were expected to win Juventus the championship, but there's almost no hope now of catching leader Roma, coached by Nils Liedholm.

## Littbarski

Internazionale's chief Sandro Mazola wanted to buy Koen's Pierre Littbarski until he found that the player wanted a \$700,000 signing-on fee and that Koen was asking for \$2 million.

## Fatal cartilage

Ezio Scaini of Italian Third Division club Vicenza went into hospital to have a cartilage removed, never recovered from the anesthetic, and died.

## Scottish Cup

SCOTTISH Cup holders Aberdeen have been drawn away to Partick or Clyde in the quarter-finals. Other ties to be played on March 12 are: Queen's Park v Rangers, Aldrie v St Mirren, Celtic v Hearts.

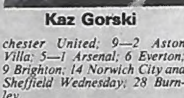
## FA Cup

FA Cup quarter-finals: BURNLEY v SHEFF WED; ARSENAL v ASTON VILLA; MANCHESTER UNITED v EVERTON; BRIGHTON v NORWICH CITY.

Ties to be played on Saturday, March 12. LATEST odds on the FA Cup from Corals are: 13-8 Man-



Michel Platini



Kaz Gorski

chester United, 9-2 Aston Villa, 5-1 Arsenal, 6 Everton, 9 Brighton, 14 Norwich City and Sheffield Wednesday, 28 Burnley.

## \$1m. Isidora

Paulo Isidora, the Brazilian international forward, has been sold for \$1 million by gremio Porto to Alegre of Santos.

## Babington

Former Argentinian international Carlos Babington will go from Huracan to Atletico Junior of Colombia for \$140,000.

## Rummenigge

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has extended his contract with Bayern Munich until 1987 when he will be 32. The deal, which includes a partnership in an insurance agency, will help guarantee Rummenigge about \$740,000 a year, split like this: signing-on fee and salary \$350,000; club bonuses of \$60,000 minimum; national team fees \$25,000; insurance agency income \$120,000; sponsorship deals \$180,000.

## N'Kono, Zico

African Footballer of the Year is Thomas N'Kono of Espanol Barcelona and Cameroon. Zico of Flamengo has been named South American Footballer of the year and Americas' Footballer of the Year in two separate polls.

## Hungary tours

Hungary toured the Middle East with the following players: Katarz, Zsiboras, Sallai, A. Korokos, Garaba, Varga, Molnav, Hanich, Nyilesi, Pezicz, Burcsa, Pazstor, Bodonyi, Szentes, L. Kiss, Gy. Kerekas, Poloskai. Playing as a "Hungarian XI" they beat Egypt 1-0 and 2-0 and drew 1-1 with the Egyptian Olympic team. After these games, coach Kalman Meszoly said he would recall Csapo, Fazekas and Meszaros from abroad.

## Gorski at AEK

Former Polish national coach Kaz Gorski has replaced Tschik Kalowski as coach of AEK Athens. Gorski previously guided Panathinaikos, Olympiakos and Kastoria. Only 2000 fans turned up to see AEK lose 1-4 to Eintracht Frankfurt in front of only 2000 fans. — and the game was intended to be a money-spinner for AEK. Eintracht, incidentally,

lost 1-3 to Panathinaikos in Patras. AEK's leading scorer, Thomas Mavros, is rumored to be heading for Panathinaikos soon.

## Panagoulas

Alkates Panagoulas, who led Greece on its 1978 tour of Australia, has left Olympiakos to take over the US national team.

## Docherty back

Tommy Docherty's youngest son, Peter, 17, has rejoined Manchester United after a spell with Wigan and as a midfielder is a member of the highly successful youth side at Old Trafford. Peter's elder brother Mick is now a coach with Sunderland with whom he once played as well as being with Burnley and Manchester City.

## Gemmill

Former Scotland skipper Archie Gemmill, 36 on March 24 and back with Derby County as its driving skipper,

may quit the playing side at the end of the season. Gemmill is likely to try to get into club management or go to America.

## Juve SOS

Juventus is reported to have invited France's national team manager Michel Hidalgo to go to Turin to try to rejuvenate his former World Cup skipper Michel Platini who has flopped badly since he moved to the Italian club.

## Bargain sale

Since Ron Saunders, ex-Aston Villa boss, took over as manager of Birmingham City just over a year ago, he has sold 20 of his original staff of 37 and bought 10 newcomers. His bargain sale must be his most recent — striker Neil Wharmore to Oxford United for \$50,000. For only 18 months ago Jim Smith, then manager at Birmingham and now in charge with Oxford United, paid Bolton \$700,000 for Wharmore.

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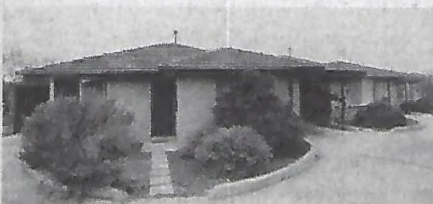
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# Hawaii offers sun, surf and soccer



By LAURIE SCHWAB

Oahu, the most hyped-up of the eight Hawaiian islands, means "The Gathering Place". I was there when it served as the venue for the Royal Hawaiian Masters tournament, contested by 16 teams of over-30 amateurs.

The teams included North Shore Killarney from Canada, Tainan Municipal from Taiwan, Zagreb-California, Cobra Constructions from Seattle, the Roman Senators from New Jersey, the Pan Am Globetrotters from Middlesex, England, and Laguna of Hawaii.

For those familiar with the annual Mollacoata tournament on Victorian's far east coast, imagine that magnified in stature, transported to Waikiki beach and boosted by professional promotion.

Those who have competed in Hawaii — Sydney University reached the final a few years ago — regard it as the ideal opportunity to combine their soccer with the experience of being one of the world's major tourist spots.

Players fork out an overall fee that covers air travel, hotel accommodation (top-class), sightseeing tours, luau, an awards night banquet and lots more. The cost by the way, is extremely reasonable.

Clubs interested in getting into the Hawaiian soccer experience should contact Stephens Travel at 86 Pitt Street, Sydney 2000, phone (02) 221 3533. Talk to Ken Grover or Robert Gibson.

There's also an Australian women's tournament. The Australian national women's team is over there at the moment.

Greater things are on the horizon.

Dennis Minga, the man who runs Royal Hawaiian World

• The scene of Burt Lancaster's dalliance with Deborah Kerr in "From Here to Eternity".



"Soccer Action" editor Laurie Schwab and the view from Poli Pass in the mountains outside Honolulu.

Sports, plans a massive tournament in 1984, covering senior, masters (over 30) and women's competition.

Kurt Silberstein of the US Soccer Federation, envisages a Pacific Coast soccer tournament for club teams from countries with a Pacific coastline.

Digressing briefly, Silberstein has Newmarket women's team from Queensland touring the US in October this year and will invite at least two Australian women's teams to take part in an international competition in the US in August-September 1984.

In addition, he offers Australian men's teams the opportunity to take part in the annual Independence Day classic for amateurs in California in July. That, too, includes entertainment, banquets, sightseeing, and a package fare.

Clubs can contact Silberstein at 5302 Ayshire Drive, San Jose, California 95118, phone (408) 265 0794.

Now for a mouth-watering taste of Hawaii. Eat your hearts out!

First there's the climate. It was winter, but the temperature was a constant 30-plus and the sea was warm. We had the choice of lounging under swaying palms on Waikiki beach, sunbaking by the pool and the bar at our hotel, the Princess Kaiulani, or travelling across the cloud-embossed mountains to the more sedate and more beautiful north.

At night, Waikiki and downtown Honolulu offered a myriad of nightclubs and bars for the sedate or the kinky. The restaurants featured food fare from most nationalities and if you like that sort of thing, you can have just about every type of take-away meal in the world.

John Economos practically blew his mind. John of the Sydney publication Soccer Whattisname, had never been out of Australia before. It was all too much for him. He zapped here and there, on the verge of a



Players of 1st FC Edmonton (Canada) and Tainan Municipal (Taiwan) at a Luau near Paradise Beach.

pleasure-induced coronary. He was so wrapt he spent four hours writing about a thousand post cards only an hour after getting off the Pan Am liner. Then he spent an hour buying an Hawaii T-shirt.

The hospitality couldn't have been better. Dennis Minga and his lovely Jane, Sue Harrington, big Pete "Lurch" McKibbin and Co. bent over backwards until their spines cracked.

It's Minga, who's been running soccer tournaments in Hawaii since 1976, who gave us most of the spiel about this island State.

Diamond Head, a now dormant volcano that overlooks Kapiolani Park, site of the soccer masters, was mistaken by the first European settlers as a goldmine — or, to be precise, a diamond mine. Volcanic flows had left crystalline remains that resembled pieces of broken Coke bottle but alas, they weren't diamonds after all. Now the US army has a small base inside the volcano. In fact, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the army took over all the mountain tops for strategic purposes and thus became one of five major land-owners in the Hawaiian Islands. The other four are family estates — those of Campbell, Bishop, Alexander and Baldwin and Castle & Cook.

Diamond Head, the now dormant volcano, overlooks Kapiolani Park, venue of the Hawaiian Masters tournament.



Today, as a result of his confluence, no-one in Hawaii knows to whom he or she is related.

A bit more tourist trivia — Hawaii has the highest cost of living in the US and the 25th highest average income, it has no billboards, most couples work for the government by day and in the tourist industry at night, so they have four incomes, which just about make ends meet. A two-bedroom flat in Honolulu costs about \$800 a month. Out in the sticks, you're up for between \$350 and \$500 for a two-bedroom house.

A plague of rats developed in Hawaii as these cute little rodents jumped off ships from China in the last century. According to Minga, a misguided Italian (Minga too is of Italian ancestry) tells the men who matter: "Have I gotta da schema for you?" Minga reckons it was on of this relatives Get mongooses (mongeese) out here, and they'll kill all the rats. Wrong. Mongeese eat snakes, not rats. Also, rats are nocturnal, mongeese come out in daylight. Now Hawaii has a huge population of both rats and mongeese (mongooses) and a strange looking creature called a ratgoose, or is it monrat????

Anyway, back to the soccer. I see Laguna of Hawaii beat 1st FC Edmonton (half German, half Croatian) to advance to the final against Langley of California. I have to leave before the final, which is played at Aloha Stadium, near Pearl Harbor. This sta-



Dennis Minga, organizer of the Royal Hawaiian Masters tournament at Waikiki.

dium is something else. It's built on tracks and rollers that enable the two halves of the stadium to congregate in and out, depending on the sport being played there. Each time the operating button is pushed it cost \$12,000.

I have to miss the awards banquet, which according to Pete "Lurch" McKibbin, would "Knock my socks off".

Economos and I have dubbed him "Lurch" after the Adams Family monster. He's huge in build, a former goalkeeper who had his cheekbone

busted, his eye socket splintered and his life hanging by a thread because he tried to make a save with his face. Economos wanted a picture taken with McKibbin but the photographer found it difficult to fit both in the frame for a close-up. No problem. McKibbin grabs Economos in a bear hug and picks him up like a feather. "Take the shot", he commands.

Elaine Watson, a leading women's soccer official from Queensland is here, as advance scout for the national team. I'm helping Lurch clear up after the semi-final when she wanders over for significant observations. "Have you walked over that pitch?" she asks as I strain over concrete blocks. "Yeah, I've run over them on my morning jog."

"Don't you think that pitch is a fraction shorter than the one behind it?"

"Dunno."

"I think this near-side penalty area isn't as smooth as the one on the other side."

"Oh, yeah?"

"I think I'd better walk over them and take a rough measure."

"Do that."

She'd better check the mean temperature for the month. It may be one degree too hot or cool.

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So this guy — I think his name was Judd — devised a clever scheme to get all the land for himself. Every time some Hawaiian died, he entered in the official records not the name of the deceased, but a different name entirely. Relatives on the other side of the island had no way of knowing who the dead guy was, so they didn't pay the taxes owing. In stepped Judd and bought up the land.



# Cumming back in big charity clash

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Tommy Cumming's return to representative soccer is the feature of tonight's (Wednesday's) big Bushfire Appeal clash at Olympic Park at 8.15 pm between Rale Rasic's NSL select and Len McKendry's State League select.

The curtain raiser, at 6.45 pm, is the junior Ampol Cup final for under-13's featuring Ardeer and Box Hill.

Cumming's comeback after a two-year lay-off due to a crippling groin and pelvic complaint, is a welcome sign not only for Victorian State team coach Jim White, but especially for Socceroo boss Les Scheffling.

The little Scot played for Melbourne Croatia in the recent Ampol Cup series and his sharpness improved with every game.

Cumming's size, skill, pace and aggression long have endeared him to the fans. When he's in possession there's a buzz of anticipation around the ground. He's a tremendous character both on and off the field and one of the personalities who adds much needed color to the Victorian and Australian soccer scene. He has represented Australia and Victoria with distinction. Let's hope that he can do so again.

Rale Rasic accepted the job of coaching the NSL select on the proviso that Makedonia's Peter Ollerton, J.U.S.T.'s Bobby McLachlan and Heidel-

berg's Ken Morton join him as selectors. This coaching quartet selected four players from each Melbourne based NSL team and put together a star-studded squad.

Makedonia fans will be enthusiastic over the selection of former Vardar Skopje midfielder Zarko Odzakovic. J.U.S.T. fans will be keen to see Zoran Illoski and Zdravko Lujic in action while Heidelberg Alexander supporters can enjoy watching Charlie Yankos and Theo Selemidis.

There must be a question mark however, hanging over the NSL select's ability to function effectively as a team unit. The State League select suffers from no such problems. Coach Len McKendry has worked with most players in his squad, is well aware of their capabilities as they are well aware of the type of game expected from them.

Even though the NSL goes into tonight's game as favorite, the State League is my tip to win.

The NSL select boasts bigger names in Australian soccer but the State League select's ability to function more effectively as a team unit will see it triumph.

Tonight's game is a fund raising event for victims of the recent, tragic bushfires which swept south eastern Australia and shattered the hopes and everyday life of many people.

We join with all sections of the soccer media in urging you to attend.



The men of Croydon, winners of the 1983 Buffalo Cup. Back row: David Singleton, Lou Kastner, Colin Haslar (assistant coach), Mark Brown, Ian Dobson, Gary Hobson, Steve McCombe, Roy Howard (trainer), Ian Loughnane, Mick Edwards, Paul Wade. Front: Rono Lia, Peter Loughnane, Steve Irvine, Mike Rainey, Jimmy Rooney.

# PAUL WADE GIVES CROYDON THE CUP

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

CROYDON 1 (P. Loughnane 90th) SOUTH MELBOURNE 0. Buffalo Cup final at Middle Park, Sunday. Crowd: About 2500. Referee: Zoumas 4.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 - Rainey 7, McCombe 7, Dobson 7, Hobson 7 - Brown 7, Rooney 7, Wade 8 - P. Loughnane 7, Irvine 7, Lia 5 (L. Loughnane 60th). Coach: Colin Haslar (Bill McArthur unavailable due to business reasons).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: HELLAS: Perree 7 - Davidson 7, Kakantonis 8, Kalafatis 7, Kaiser 5 - van Egmond 5 (Postecoglou 70th), Bozinovski 7, Abraham 7 - Kanasoulis 6, Patsakos 7, Kalabokis 7. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

Croydon won its first honor in State League thanks to a combination of factors - South Melbourne Hellas' lack of defensive discipline in the last 18 minutes, Paul Wade's boundless enthusiasm and skill, and Peter Loughnane's 90th minute winner, too poked past advancing Hellas keeper Mark Perree.

Hellas almost scored the decisive goal with two minutes left and extra time odds on. Tom Patsakos turned and was about to shoot when robbed but the ball rolled wide to Jim Kalabokis. He cut it back from the left of the area to the incoming Pepe Abraham but he misjudged his shot from 12 metres. Again Patsakos was in possession. Again he had to turn. As he was about to shoot a Croydon defender got a foot in but only succeeded in poking the ball into the path of Tony Kaiser, about six metres out. Kaiser's shot was miraculously saved by Lou Kastner who spread himself well and Hellas had blown its chance of winning the 1983 Buffalo Cup. Croydon played with three

forwards from the outset although Peter Loughnane often lay deep in the first half. For the last 10 minutes however, the three Croydon forwards stayed forward. Hellas, intoxicated with the possibility of snatching this match, pushed forward leaving a three-on-three situation at the back. It paid the supreme penalty.

In the final minute of normal time, Wade leaped above John Kanasoulis, headed down, then quickly regained his balance in time to spot Peter Loughnane in the clear. Wade lobbed the ball over the square Hellas defence. Loughnane ran through and beat Perree from 12 metres out with a low shot. Croydon had won the cup.

Teenage Hellas left winger, Kalabokis, was fairly well held by Mike Rainey. Kalabokis found himself in a few situations where a more confident player would have run at Rainey but the youngster opted to pass the ball, often back, negating his expected value to Hellas.

It would be dishonest to suggest that this was an absorbing cup final in the classic sense. Rather, this was a classic war of attrition, neither side giving much away at the back, periods of scrappy midfield play where the ball was given away too easily and few forwards with the flair or skill or running ability to stretch the opposing defence.

Referee Sam Zoumas disappointed me. I counted at least 15 free kicks or throw-in decisions I found baffling. Then there were the free kicks that weren't given. Look, I'm not head hunting Sam but I've got to be honest and say that I joined with many spectators and players in trying to unravel the mystery of some of your decisions. When Jim Rooney gets upset you can bet you've blundered, and Rooney questioned a couple of Zoumas' decisions in an unusually forceful fashion.

Let's look at some of the scoring chances. John Kanasoulis swung in a corner toward the near post in the 15th minute. Steve McCombe and van Egmond were charging in. McCombe hammered the ball over the bar to safety. Zoumas awarded a goal kick to Croydon!

Mark Brown and Rainey figured in a defensive mix-up five minutes later but Kalabokis couldn't capitalise. He pushed the ball too far ahead and Kastner cleared.

Steve Irvine was booked in the 30th minute after a foul wrongly was awarded against him. Kris Kalafatis made the mistake of letting a high ball bounce, allowing Irvine to challenge. The Croydon striker headed past Kalafatis and was about to break clear when referee Zoumas whistled for a

free kick to Hellas. Irvine was upset, opened his mouth, and was cautioned.

Kastner looked likely to follow Irvine into Zoumas' book a few minutes later when Patsakos barged into the Croydon keeper sending him crashing to the ground. Referee Zoumas awarded a goal kick to Croydon and Kastner remonstrated vociferously, almost earning a caution.

Rainey sent Brown clear down the right in the 58th minute. Brown scooped past a defender and was about to pass when Kakantonis cleared. Wade bundled the ball over the line from the resultant corner but referee Zoumas rightly awarded a free kick to Hellas for a foul on goalkeeper Pennee.

Wade, Patsakos and Peter Loughnane all had chances to score but failed. Then Patsakos and Ian Dobson clashed in the centre circle with Dobson being booked. Dobson and Patsakos had fallen to the ground after challenging in the air. Patsakos kicked Dobson who retaliated with a kick of his own. Zoumas only saw Dobson's indiscretion but merely booked the Croydon sweeper.

Kalabokis got free on the left side of the area with five minutes left. He misjudged his shot, sending the ball flashing across the face of goal. Kastner came out and dived but missed the ball completely. Gary Hobson and Patsakos at the far post almost collided as they challenged for the loose ball which eventually was cleared.

A minute later Kakantonis brought down Ian Loughnane inside the Hellas area. Amazingly, referee Zoumas gave a free kick to Croydon outside the penalty box. But, when Peter Loughnane struck, Hellas had run its race.

## National League Select (with shirt numbers)

- 1 Dennis Boland (J.U.S.T.)
- 2 Alan Davidson (Hellas)
- 3 Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg)
- 4 Jim Kondanos (J.U.S.T.)
- 5 Steve Blair (Hellas)
- 6 Ken Murphy (Hellas)
- 7 Zarko Odzakovic (Makedonia)
- 8 Alan Whittle (Makedonia)
- 9 Theo Selemidis (Heidelberg)
- 10 Doug Brown (Hellas)
- 11 George Campbell (Hellas)
- 12 Bob Vincent (Heidelberg)
- 13 George McMullan (Makedonia)
- 14 Zoran Illoski (J.U.S.T.)
- 15 Zdravko Lujic (J.U.S.T.)
- 16 Jeff Oliver (Heidelberg)

## State League Select (with shirt numbers)

- 1 Lou Denys (Ajax)
- 2 Peter Lewis (Ajax)
- 3 Keith Adams (Croatia)
- 4 Steve Short (Ajax)
- 5 Stuart Cannel (Ajax)
- 6 Jim Williams (Ajax)
- 7 Paul Lewis (Ajax)
- 8 Jim Rooney (Croydon)
- 9 Carl Gilder (Sunshine-George Cross)
- 10 David Smallman (Ajax)
- 11 Tommy Cumming (Croatia)
- 12 Paul Wade (Croydon)
- 13 John Dowie (Doveton)
- 14 David Brogan (Croatia)
- 15 Ian Roodhouse (Box Hill)
- 16 Sean Keogh (Doveton)

# Hulk on the way

Croydon City has signed "The Hulk"!

Not the far from jolly green giant of TV fame but Scottish striker Joe Sweeney, expected to arrive within a fortnight. Sweeney, 26, is 5'11" and, obviously, solidly built. He's good in the air, has surprising pace for a big man and never stops running. He's a top class target man with a keen scoring sense.

Footscray J.U.S.T. striker Gus Macleod and Sweeney scored 60 goals between them in a season in Scottish junior football with Pollok.

Sweeney spent a year at Crystal Palace as an apprentice until home-sickness got the better of him and he returned to his native Scotland. He gave football away for a while and became a fireman.

He resumed his playing career with Pollok, the Clydebank and Partick Thistle.

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### Victorian cup matches

## Crompton, House oust Melbourne

**KNOX CITY 2 (Crompton 1st, House 38th) MELBOURNE 0, Metro League Cup at Egan Lee Reserve.**

**KNOX CITY:** McKinnon, Dizon, Dizon, Schaefer, Reddy (Flycatcher 60th), Gurney, Smith, Murray, Laidlaw, Crompton, House.  
**MELBOURNE:** Barlow, Dagnall, Wild, Gasman, Drinovsky, Tapal, Bahaky, Armstrong, Ward, Miller, Hibbert, Subi, Umit, Bird.  
**BEST:** Crompton, Smith, Dizon (Knox); Ward, Wild, Barlow (Melbourne).

Eric Leshlie and House set up Crompton in the first minute and the home side went 1-0 up. Chances to House, Crompton and Murray went begging before House increased Knox's lead in the 38th minute.

A superb Murray through ball to Crompton started the move. Crompton to House and the home side had Melbourne on the ropes.

However, Knox tired in the heat and Melbourne was very unlucky not to strike back when Danny Ward hit the post then the bar during a six minute spell of pressure.

Knox will host its annual Heinz Voller Perpetual Trophy day on Sunday, March 13 at Egan Lee Reserve, starting at 1pm. Teams competing are: Knox A, Croydon, Moorabark, Nunawading City, Scoresby, Hawksburn, Ringwood Utd Serbia and Knox.

The eight contestants will be split into two, four team groups. The final will be played at 3.30 pm and the presentation to the successful

## Celtic off

Glasgow Celtic has declined an opportunity to visit Australia in the Scottish close season. The prospective tour, would have provided a welcome boost to Celtic coffers, but manager Billy McNeill turned it down due to the Scottish national soccer tour of Canada scheduled for the same time.

Even if Scotland fields eleven Celtic players against the Canadians, it will be scant consolation to the thousands of Celtic supporters in Australia.

## Junior bosses, titles

Here are the JLMC members for the 1983 season:

L. Stafrace (chairman), N. Wood (secretary), L. Pett (treasurer), P. Dillon (peninsula co-ordinator), A. McPhee (eastern co-ordinator), T. Bateman (northern co-ordinator), K. Slack (western co-ordinator), M. Kane (central co-ordinator), P. Cunningham (sub-junior co-ordinator), D. Phillips (fixtures), S. Browne (investigative and disciplinary tribunal), J. K. Deffris (State League co-ordinator).

Tony Dunkerley has been appointed to pick an under-12 select from regional games. These boys will be sent through the McDonald's Superskills scheme, which is under the scrutiny of Fred Brooks. Any coach or parent interested in the scheme can contact Fred on 467 6315.

Here are the state team coaches:

A. Gentry (under-13s), A. Alexander (under-14s), T. Newbiggen (under-15s).  
The under 13 national titles will be held in Alice Springs starting in late September. Both the under-14 and under-15 national titles will start late in August. The under-14s will be held in Brisbane while the

## Coulson wants a club

Willie Coulson has been freed by Croatia Glomochy and is looking for a club.  
The talented midfielder, who played many first team games with English Second Division club Newcastle United, has played with Ringwood Wilhelmina and Fremantle City in Victoria. He's prepared to travel interstate and can be contacted on (03) 762 6245.

### Doveton and Box Hill appear to be the main State League clubs under threat from Metro League opponents on Sunday in the first main round of the 1983 Dockerty Cup.

The Doves are at home to Second Division giant Thomastown in the second of Waratah Reserve's double header and recent Buffalo Cup efforts suggest that Ernie Merrick's outfit will find Italian backed Thomastown a handful.

Merrick could play, as right back Peter Thurlow may not be able to throw off the effects of a leg injury. Doveton striker Stan Webster, recently returned from a holiday in his native Scotland, also is plagued by injury. Webster was battling against an ankle injury and was very doubtful for Sunday's game as we went to press.

Midfielder Mike McIvor is fit and will play in his customary right sided role with star midfielder John Dowie probably playing in centre midfield.  
Thomastown coach Jim Kriariss sees Dove and Doveton striker Ian Stirton as the danger men and both will be marked closely.

It's likely that former Frankston City and Mornington stopper, Bob Adams, will be given the task of trying to contain the aggressive Stirton. Their clash should be a match highlight.

Young Mark Lennon is the big improver in Doveton's first team squad. The 18 year old, left sided attacker impressed

### By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Peter Ollerton in a recent pre-tape match against Preston Makodonia and scored twice two weeks ago in Doveton's 4-2 win in a friendly against Footscray J.U.S.T.

Doveton was trying to sign a left back from the Metro League as we went to press. Jim Train's departure to Morwell Falcons has left a defensive hole which is proving difficult to fill. The Doves still are interested in signing Preston Makodonia defender Steve Beech.

Doveton expects Scottish midfielder Graham Watson to arrive within a fortnight. The 22 year old was with Glasgow Rangers for three years and could make a major impact on State League.

Thomastown's scoring strength rests mainly upon Goran Runje and Frank Fragale. Runje, ex-Frankston City, Dandenong City and Mornington, probably will be marked by Paul Corke. Fragale was leading scorer in last year's Coppa Italia.

Thomastown right winger Vince Tavoro is lightning quick. He's a very confident player who loves to run at opponents and unless the Doves solve their left back problems Tavoro could create havoc on Sunday.

Similarly, both Thomastown full backs, Tony Cosentino and Paul Deparantino, are fast. Their recovery is a feature of their play.

One of Thomastown's trumps in midfield is former Second Division best and fairest Danny Acevski, who played with Altona Gate last year after a lengthy spell with Footscray J.U.S.T. Acevski scored once and made another goal in Thomastown's 3-2 Metro

**DOVETON V Thomastown MONTEREY BOULEVARD BOX HILL V Moreland FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. V Rosanna**

**JOHN CAIN RESERVE FAWKNER V Hawthorn Citizens**

**NORTH COTE CITY V Brighton**

**JUBILEE PARK CROYDON CITY V St Albans**

**RINGWOOD WILHELMINA V Richmond**

**RALEIGH RESERVE S.M. HELLAS V Altona City**

**POLONIA V Preston Makodonia**

## WESTERN SHIELD

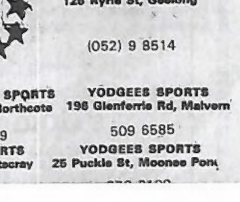
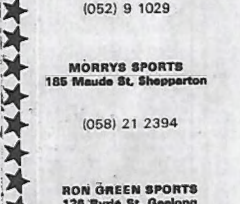
Juniors from under-11 to under-16 levels started a round robin tournament last Sunday as the Victorian Western Region Perpetual Shield kicked off.

The purpose of this tournament, in only its second year, is to put on show the many boys who are vying for places in the western regional sides.

Western region under-11 clubs played Hamlyn Rangers ground on Sunday; the under-12's played at Mossfield; the under-13's at Green Gully; the under-14's at Pascoe Vale; the under-15's at Keilor and the under-16's played at St Albans.

The venues for this Sunday's semi-finals are: Under-11 and under-14's at Keilor; under-12 and under-15's at Sunbury; under-13 and under-16's at Selwyn Park.

Grand Final day at Green Gully Reserve will be held on Sunday, March 20.



## Mackenzie, Perkins wrong!

It's old news now that Heidelberg was humiliated by Green Gully Ajax in the final of the Ampol Cup.

The winners deserved all the accolades that were given to them. In contrast, the losers deserved severe criticisms for their performance.

However, it would be failing in my duty as State Director of Coaching if I ignored the following passage from Craig Mackenzie's report in the game. Mackenzie wrote: "One of the most insidious aspects of our coaching course structure is that far too many players are gaining their senior badges."

The Oxford Dictionary describes the word insidious as: treacherous, crafty, proceeding secretly.

The coaching course structure certainly is not treacherous, it is certainly about developing the skills of individuals so the word "craft" in that respect can be linked with the structure.

We do not "proceed secretly" so I am left wondering how the coaching structure and the word "insidious" are in any way connected?

The main point that Mackenzie is making is that over the years a number of senior players have participated in coaching courses and a few of them have reached senior coaching level. Having achieved this status Mackenzie then assumes that the said players spend the remainder of their careers questioning the credibility of their club coach.

If the latter is correct, and I doubt it in most cases, and the said players clearly lie with the individual and not the coaching

structure. If coaching knowledge is present among the players of a club then the ideal situation would be for the coach to utilize that knowledge for the benefit of the teams.

The success of this or otherwise depends upon the relationship between the coach and his players. The club coach still can exert authority while tapping the knowledge within the club.

Too many coaches are afraid of this approach because of a fear complex. They feel threatened!

Mackenzie states that: "Too many of our top players are coaches, well qualified ones at that!"

The main idea of this, apart from players being eager to increase their knowledge, was to help with an input to the game by way of coaching. In other words, to try and have qualified coaches who were known players who could marry their playing experience with the knowledge gained on coaching courses. So, at the end or even during their playing careers, they could help the development of the game by putting something back into it.

The report on the game took on a rather sarcastic tone with suggestions that coaching of the game and enjoying the game were two separate things. I'm afraid, Craig, this approach only displayed a degree of ignorance not, I stress, in respect of the game itself but in the coaching of it.



**TIM WHITE**  
Victorian coaching director

Unfortunatly, it is a favorite pastime of a number of individuals involved in the game to knock proposed new ideas which may improve the game.

Jim Shoulder announced a revolutionary new plan recently which would result in having a team in the National League. Knowing Jim, that plan would have been conceived following much deliberation and consideration for clubs and, of course, players.

However, no sooner is the plan public when Charlie Perkins immediately knocks the plan with all sorts of cliches like "molly coddling players".

Mr Perkins states that he has spoken to four or five clubs which are totally opposed to it. I wonder to whom he spoke and it's noticeable he has not spoken to the players. Maybe he is not aware of the fact that a number of the boys who enter the Institute are not contract players and that it is becoming more and more the trend that 16 and 17 year olds do not sign contracts with clubs or at least the ones they

### CHARLIE PERKINS



**Charlie Perkins**

sign are not as binding as they used to be.

There are good reasons why this trend is occurring and mainly teenage players in the past can give good reasons why they regret signing contracts.

Does Mr Perkins have any suggestions as to where current Institute players like Frank Faranone and Roy Jones should go?

With no disrespect to Cairns and Perth, surely their young players deserve a chance to play in the best league in Australia.  
No Charlie, you are off beam on this occasion because like many other knickers of the game you have failed to put the most important people in the game first - and they are THE PLAYERS.

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Στις 20 του Μάρτη θα γίνουν οι νέες εκλογές στον 'Αλέξανδρο στην λέσχη του γηπέδου.

Όσοιδήποτε από μέλη θα πρέπει να δώσουν την κατάλληλη κατανοήση και να δώσουν την φθορά τους σε ανθρώπους που έχουν ιδρώσει μέχρι τώρα για το καλό της ομάδας.

Αναφερόμαστε σε όσους πρόεδρο κ.Σταύρο Γκουλιόπουλο για τον όποιον πολλοί βοήθησαν μέχρι τώρα να τον κατακρίνουν. Μά γιατί άραγε;

Τόσο εύκολα είναι ότι δικοί αυτοί που μιλάει για τον πρόεδρο του συλλόγου (ως να μη γνωρίζουν τους λόγους του και τις δυσίες του, ούτε τις αμέτρητες ώρες που βρίσκονται μακριά από το εργοστάσιο του προκειμένου να λύνει προβλήματα του 'Αλέξανδρου.

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και δεν τον εγκαταλείβουν πάλιν όπως γινόταν με το 'Ολύμπια Πάρκο. Αλλά όλα τα χρόνια μερικοί 'φίλοι' του 'Αλέξανδρου και με την πρώτη αποτυχία, όπως το 0-5 από το Γκρίν Γκίλντ, έτρεξαν να μαζέψουν απογραφές για να παραιτηθεί το Δ.Σ.Μποφόρ... Και να αλλάξει ποιός άραγε;

Έρμα γιατί περιμένουμε σε τέτοιες περιπτώσεις να δοθεί συγχωρεμένη από όλους και περισσότερο την άδεια όλων, κάτι που δεν έχουμε αν υπάρχει αλήθεια στην στιγμή στο ιστορικό σωματείο και εμείς μας είναι να ξεπεραστούν τα πάντα και να μπει στο πρωτόκολλο η κριτική και η μάχη χωρίς προβλήματα και αίσιοδοξη. 'Επικριτές λοιπόν για καλύτερες μέρες. Ας κάνουν την αρχή αυτοί που άναυτοι πραγματοποιούν τον 'Αλέξανδρο γιατί μόνον έτσι θα είναι καλές μέρες.

Η στήλη επαναλαμβάνουμε ότι σε τέτοιες περιπτώσεις να δοθεί συγχωρεμένη από όλους και περισσότερο την άδεια όλων, κάτι που δεν έχουμε αν υπάρχει αλήθεια στην στιγμή στο ιστορικό σωματείο και εμείς μας είναι να ξεπεραστούν τα πάντα και να μπει στο πρωτόκολλο η κριτική και η μάχη χωρίς προβλήματα και αίσιοδοξη.

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### ΑΠΟΚΑΤΕΣΤΗΡΕΣ ΣΤΑ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

Η δόξα Γιάραβελ στάθηκε άτυχη στον αγώνα της με το 'Αμπορφορ για το Προβελζιόνα Κλά και αποκλείστηκε από πένυαυτ με 5-4.

Η ελληνική ομάδα έπαιξε περιφραγή κέρτισε την περιοχή σε όλο το β' μέρος και στην κατάσταση αλλά δεν είχε τον παίκτη που θα έκανε το γκολ. Η αποτυχία του Γιάννη Λιακόπουλου οδήγησε στην πένυαυτ και η δόξα περιορίστηκε σε πένυαυτ για να αποκλειστεί τελικά.

Σαν συνολικά η ομάδα του Γιάραβελ ήταν πολύ καλή και δεν έκανε να φτάσει σε πένυαυτ. Θα μπορούσε να είχε πάρει τον αγώνα εύκολα αν όλα από τις ευκαιρίες

που έφτασε τις κολλές θα μπορούσε να γίνει γκολ. Η δόξα έπαιξε με τους Ν.Αποστόλιν, Τσαμπάκη, Δημητρίου, Τ.Αμανατίδη, Τερζάκη, Καλλικολίτη (78' Αποστόλιν), Παπαδόπουλο, Πετρίδη, Σαυδάκου, Μελίτη.

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Την βαρυσταλή πορεία της δόξας Γιάραβελ στο θερινό τουρνουά της την έκοψαν για άγνωστους λόγους οι διαιτητές Βουτινιάδ και Αποστόλου οι οποίοι την έκοψαν εν φουρέ.

Πριν δύο βδομάδες ο Βουτινιάδ θέλοντας να δείξει στους φιλάθλους πως "τομάει" να σφυρίζει πένυαυτ στις μικρές ομάδες έγινε σαν όμοια την δόξα και την έβγαλε από τον τελικό.

Την παραμονή Κυριακή ο Αποστόλου άδυναμισε τους φιλάθλους να γράσουν με την καρδιά τους όταν από το τελικό 3-2 που έγινε υπέρ του Ελφτον Χιλ επί της δόξας τα τρία από τα πέντε ήταν πλασματικά και από αυτά που γελιοποιούσαν τον όμοιο "άρχοντα του γηπέδου".

Για τον Αποστόλου η στήλη έχει γράψει στο παρελθόν καλά λόγια, όταν βέβαια το έβριζε, για την Κυριακή όμως του όπενου μίσησε πως γελούσε ο κόσμος όταν άφησε το 2ο τέρμα του Ελφτον Χιλ να σημειωθεί μετά από φάουλ. Συγκεκριμένα ο σκόρερ έστρωσε την μπάλα με το χέρι και μετά σημειώσε τέρμα.

Αίτιο μετά ο διαιτητής άνω λόγων έδωσε πένυαυτ ανώμαλα εις βάρος του Ελφτον Χιλ και γελιοποίησε την συμπεριφορά του Χιλ και άφησε από 10 μέτρα και περισσότερο όποιον πελάτη του Ελφτον Χιλ να πετύχει τέρμα το τρίτο, έβαλε όλους τους φιλάθλους σε ανέσεις.

Αυτοί για τον ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ θεώρησε 2. Ήταν γεγονός ότι οι άγνοες σαν το θερινό τουρνουά θα ήταν πιά καλά να μη διαιτητεύουν έλληνες προς αποφυγή παρερρήσεων. Ήσο η δόξα και ο Λεωνίδας και η Εν Ποντίων είχαν παρόμοια από τους διαιτητές οι οποίοι ήταν έλληνες. Ή επιτροπή του τουρνουά θα πρέπει να ερευνήσει την περίπτωση, για την οποία η στήλη θα επιμένει έτσι ώστε να μη στέλνει η Δικτατορία 'Ομοσπονδία Έλληνες σε περιεσπύθη θερινή διοργάνωση.

## ΑΠΟΚΑΤΕΣΤΗΡΕΣ Ο ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗΣ ΤΟΥ ΕΠΙΘΗΚΗΣ ΤΟΥΡΙΣΜΟΥ Κ. ΑΜΑΝΑΤΙΔΗΣ

Επώνυμοι των έπαιχτων που έγινε την παραμονή Κυριακή στο γηπέδο του Πάρκ Μελβούρνη για το θερινό τουρνουά, άνω ήρθε ο πρόεδρος της επιτροπής κ.Π.Π. 'Αμανατίδης ο οποίος δεν κάθισε να μιλήσει ούτε να αποχαιρετήσει.

Ποιοί άραγε έμειναν το κοινό;

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Η Ν.ΞΑΛΑΣ στο κάτω - κάτω γιατί να μη πάρει ένα έπαυλο. Ήμεις επειδή είχε μια κίτρινη κάρτα; Παράξενα και άχρηστα πράγματα του βρε τον μας τουρνουά που άς ποιά πάς... πείτυχε για να μη χαλάσουμε κανέναν την καρδιά...

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# JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

## NOVI TRENER — STARA PESMA

JUST-ovo igraliste je polozilo ispit, ali ne i igraci. Vredni clanovi uprave nisu zalili trud i novac da stvore uslove za razvoj fudbala u ovoj zemlji. Ono sto je uradjeno do sada, pohvaljeno je od svih odgovornih faktora, sto moze da sluzi na cast jugoslovenskoj zajednici. Ali sve to, na zalost, pada u vodu, ako se ne poliviti rezultatima na zelenom polju. Medjutim, "plavci" igraci vec nekoliko godina uju u raskorak sa onim sto uradi i napravi uprava. Ne zalazu se na treningu, jos manje na utakmici. Menjaju se treneri, ali oni ostaju isti, jer ne mogu i ne zele da se odreknu lojih navika. Nemaju dovoljno snage da vide svoje greške. Nisu samokriticki. Naprotiv, zaljubljeni su u sebe. Talentovani su, ali idu krivim putem. Trener i uprava ne mogu da upotrebe drastične mere, jer nemaju dovoljno rezervnih igraca, ali ni hrabrosti da se nose sa uvozenim velicinama.

Moraju se pociuti na primeru Heidelberg Sleskandra, koji je uoci utakmice sa "plavcima" bio u tezern položaju, ali mu je JUST pomogao da se izvuce iz teske krize. Mozda trenutno. Uklonjen je sa pet najboljih igraca. Oni koji su dobili sa znani su da je iskoriste. Borili su se svih 90 minuta za svaku loptu i zasluzeno su pobedili umornog i bezvoljnog JUST-a sa 3:2 (1:1). JUST se sretno izvukao od teze poraza, koji je potpuno zaslužio. Ali ne treba zaboraviti da JUST tradicionalno igra slabo protiv Aleksandra, narocito O'Reilly i Boland. Kada je JUST poveo sa 1:0 preko Jim Kondariosa nastala je panika u "plavini" redovima. Sest minuta kasnije je JUST je vadio loptu iz svoje mreze krivcom O'Reillya. Bio je to tako glup i jefin gol, da je demoralisao sve igrace, i je protivnik iskoristio da napadne svim nacin i ciljima.

Bobby McLachlan moze biti odlican trener, osvajati Oskara i prvenstva sa svim klubovima — osim "JUST-a", jer je to boemska sredina, koja je pogresno vaspitavana godinama, zbog cega gorko ispasta i boluje danasnja fudbalska generacija u Jugoslaviji. Dvaka boljka ima ike, pa ce tako i jugoslovenski fudbal povratiti svoj ugled, pod uslovom da ne saakrivaju slabosti.

## TEZAK PORAK MAKEDONIJE

MAKEDONIJA je jos gore prosila od JUST-a. Hellas je isto tako slabo pocelo novu sezonu. Razacarao je u Ampol kupu, ali je napravio dobar potez po kupovinom Doug Brownu, definitivno najboljeg igraca Makedonije. Iako to nije u potpunosti tacno, njegova je zasluga sto je Hellas pobedio Makedoniju sa 4:0 i izbacio je iz Nacionalnog kupa.

Bez obzira sta kazu navijaci, koji zele trenutne uspehe, uprava Makedonije je napravila ispravan potez. Sa svojim prohtevima Brown ce ubrzo biti nezadovoljan i u Helasu. Zato ce Makedonija sa dobitim novcem moći da nabavi nekoliko igraca, mladjih, perspektivnijih i vernijih klubova. Pored toga, dolazak Zdravka Odzakova bice od obustrane koristi, jer je u pitanju zaista veliki igrač.

## DERBI U FOOTSCRAYU

Bez obzira sto su Makedonija i JUST ponizili prošle nedelje u od grčkih klubova u Nacionalnom kupu, njihov susret u prvom kolu prvenstva Nacionalne lige privuce rekordnu posetu posetu igracima i gledalacima. Oba kluba za ovaj susret

se pripremaju sa velikom paznjom i odusevljenjem, tako da je tesko predvideti protivnika. Prvi susret ove godine zavrsio se nerenseno 0:0, ali svi znaju da je JUST bio blizi pobedi. Posto su oba kluba dozivela neprijatnost prošle nedelje, sigurno je da ce boriti do iznemoglosti iznad nede.

## DOBROTVORNA UTKAMICA

Dobrotvorna utakmica za pomoc postradalima od požara odrigace se u sredi; 9. marta izmedju najvoljijih sastava Nacionalne i Drzavne lige u Viktoriji. Bice to utakmica za prestiž. Ugled klubova Nacionalne lige je iz osnova poljuljan posle finala Ampol kupa, u kome je trijumfovao prvak Drzavne lige Green Gully Ajax. Trener i selektor Nacionalne lige Zvonimir Rasic je preuzeo tezak zadatak da se revarsira za uspeh. Izabrao je po 4 igrace iz svakog kluba, sto ne mora biti najbolje rešenje, iako je diplomatski potez. Trener i selektor Drzavne lige Len McKendry imace mnogo laksi posao, jer mu neće biti vezane ruke kao Rasicu. Odabrace najbolji tim, koji je uigran, bez drige da li ce uvrediti neki klub. Utakmica se igra na Olympic Parku, a ulazi su otvoreni od 7 uvece. Nema besplatnih ulaznica, jer je u pitanju humanitarna stvar. Novinari nisu bez obzira na besplatne ulaznice, pa su uvereni da ce islediti klubski funkcioneri i sudje.

## OSTALE KUP UTKAMICE U MELBURNU

COBURG - DRUGI TIM J.U.S.T.-a 1:5 (1:4). Zasluzena pobeda drugog tima, koga trener Milenko Ruzmir vodi iz uspeha u uspeh. Golove su postigli Duskio Atanasovski, Vasko Stojicevski, Tom Karic, Emil Petrov i Petar Krnic. Najtezi ispit drugi tim JUST-a polaze igrace nedelje 13. marta u Dockerty kupu na Anderson Reserve u Sunshine-u, gde se sastaju sa prvim timom George Crossa u 2,45 po podne.

## PORT MELBOURNE — DRUGI TIM MAKEDONIJE 3:0 (0:0). Posle odmora igraci Makedonije su naglo popustili, sto je domacin iskoristio da ih izbaci iz Metropolitan kupa.

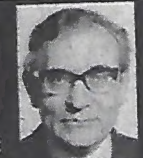
ALTONA UTD./VOJVODINA — GEELDONG UTD. 5:4 na jedanaesterce. U regularnom vremenu i posle produzetka od 20 minuta utakmica se zavrila nerešeno 1:1. Gol za Vojvodinu je postigao Paul Gallo u 80. minutu iz slobodnog udarca. Heroj i utakmica bio je golman Stan Peska, koji je postigao gol iz jedanaesterca i odbranio dva udarca sa bele tacke. Rezerve: Cranbourne — Altona/Vojvodina 7:3 (3:0). Strelci: Andrija Kotvas, Pavle Oravec i Misa Oravec.

CLAYTON — LALOR/SLOGA 2:2 (0:1). Posto je rezultat ostao nepromenjen posle produzetka od 20 minuta, izvodili su se jedanaesterce. Pobedila je Sloga sa 4:2. Iz igre su postigli golove za Slogu Ljube Tasevski i Tom Tasevski.

CARLTON/MLADOST — MACLEOD UTD. 3:1 (1:0). Strelci za Mladost: Prande Capuculovski 2 i Vasko Stojicevski.

EAST BRUNSWICK — BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO 1:2 (0:2). Strelci: Goran Veljovic i Milan Stojilovic iz jedanaesterca. Najbolji igraci su bili Ninoslav Sipic, Milan Stojilovic i Goran Veljovic. Rezerve: HAWKSBURN — LYNDALE UTD. 5:0 (3:0). Strelci: Istvan Laslo 2, Stevan Bleskanj, Joe Forai i autogol. Juniori JUST-a ispod 16 godina plasirali su se u finalnu grupu turnira Zapadnih predgradija sa 5 bodova. Pobedili su Keilor Austriju sa 1:0 golom Petra Kostadinisa i Western Suburbs sa 1:0 golom Sase Perduva. Sa Altonom Gate su igrali nerenseno 0:0. Prijateljske utakmice izmedju Fawkner/Rome i Altona Gate/Vardara zavrila se nerenseno 1:1. Strelac za Vardar Cele Tasevski.

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